



Summer

2018

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Your 2018-2019 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, with V/C Lee Popham, JN, National Treasurer, our Chief Commander's Representative.



From the Helm: Cdr Charles L. Marino, P

Everything, from the calendar, to the days getting longer, to the scheduling of the squadrons Change of Watch, indicates spring is here, but I wonder does Mother Nature have any more surprises in store for us. This winter was one for the books; does anyone reading this edition recall the Connecticut River freezing before this past winter?

Spring gives the District Commander time to meet one on one with the Squadron Commander, Bridge and Squadron members at their Change of Watch, I thank you all for your hospitality. D/Lt/C Tim Tyler attended the Waterbury Squadron Change of Watch with me. P/D/C Pat Pabouet officiated at the Manchester Squadron and P/D/C George Gilbert officiated over the New Britain Squadron at their requests. I extend my sincere thanks for their assistance.

We had a nice turnout of our Past District Commanders at the National Meeting. See the photo and caption below. While in Orlando a rear admiral from the USCG thanked the United States Power Squadron for the low numbers of boating accidents, injuries and deaths due to our educational programs. Just as the weather is changing so are things changing at the National, District and Squadron levels. The D15 resolution has been adopted allowing squadrons facing hardships more freedom to function rather than dissolving.

This summer we are returning to the Brewer Essex Island Marina, the USCG Academy and Mystic Seaport. We also have the return of the Poker Run, Blind Dinky Race and Cookout, the Fishing Derby and Sailboat Race. Please take a look at these events in this edition and come and join us.

In closing a special thank you to Meriden Power Squadron Commander Ken Bell, Sr., AP for his dedicated service to District 1 leading the presentation and retiring of the colors at our conferences; thank you Ken.

So now it's time to unwrap, sand, paint, wax, polish, change the zincs, put on the sails and everything else that includes commissioning your vessel. I hope to see many of you on the water; have fun and stay safe on the water.

Spring Conference: Chief Commander's message Vice Commander Lee Popham, JN, National Treasurer

V/C Popham began by emphasizing that the U.S. Power Squadron is alive and well. For the last two years we have had an operating surplus at National and last year "new members" and "renewals" have been higher than budgeted. We have committed additional budget funds to advertising and will be rolling out ads in National boating magazines this spring.

National is now rolling out the new logo and branding for "America's Boating Club" (see logo below). He stressed that we are not doing away with the "U.S. Power Squadron" branding but using both in an effort to make it easier to explain what we do. We are the premier boating club in the U.S. and our courses are the best in the world.

He supported what many of us have seen in terms of the aging of our organization. He said the average age of a Brunswick boat buyer is 57. The cost of a new boat is closer to the cost of a house than to a car (which it used to be). The high cost has driven young people to paddle craft. After 2008, the worldwide market for boats 26' and above was 11,000. In 2016, it was 1000. As a result, National is putting more emphasis on paddle craft education.



Chief Commander Louie Ojeda, SN presents the 50 Merit Mark Award to P/D/C Herb "Bud" Greenbacker, SN of the Meriden Squadron.

Photo by Lt Betsy Tyrrell, S



Members attending the Annual Meeting, L. to R.: Lt Betsy Tyrrell, S, Linda Greenbacker, P, P/D/C Herb "Bud" Greenbacker, SN, D/Lt/C Charles Greenbacker, JN, P/D/C George Gilbert, AP, P/D/C Arthur Andrea, AP, and D/C Charles L. Marino, P

Photo by Stf/C Carl Filios, SN

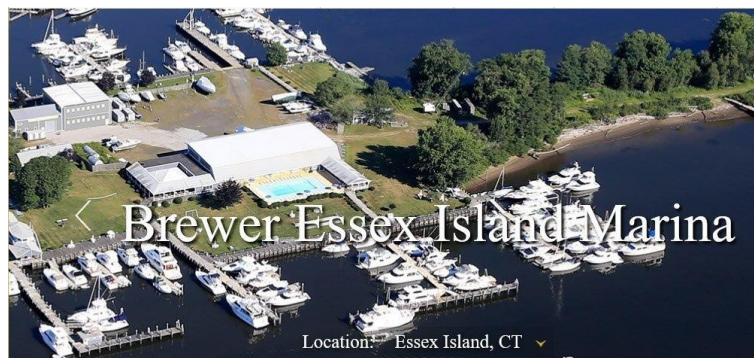
Join us for the 2018 June Rendezvous and Council

DISTRICT RENDEZVOUS

Brewer Essex Island Marina, Essex, CT

Friday 22 June–Sunday 24 June

Hosted by the Manchester Squadron



Saturday, 23 June

0800 -- Breakfast on your own

1000 -- Children's activities; poster contest.

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

1130 -- Light lunch hosted by Manchester Squadron.

1230 -- Blessing of the Fleet

1300 -- **D/1 Council Meeting** hosted by the Manchester 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-J, dessert; K-Z salad or side dish.** Cooking by the Manchester 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 are \$5 for adults, no charge for children. Send your check for \$5 per adult made to "USPS-D1" to Joyce Bonney, 2632 Main St., Coventry, CT 06238-1931 by June 15.

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 jcbonney@sbcglobal.net for further questions.

Dockage: The normal dockage Friday-Sunday is \$3.80/ft for boats under 39', \$4.30 for boats 40' to 59'. Power Squadron members will get a 25% discount on the docking fee for a two night stay and Brewer's customers get their usual discount. 30a service is \$12.50/night and 50a is \$25. Full refund if canceled before noon 3 days before.

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 "USPS Rendezvous" to get the Power Squadron discount or "BREWERMEMBER" to get your member discount. If you have special needs or prefer the river or cove side of the marina please specify those as well.

Directions to drive: 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).



P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P demonstrates the smoke flare. Bring your own or use our flares at the June Rendezvous.

District Mini Cruise to Mystic Seaport

Where: Mystic Seaport

When: 13-15 July



Friday 13 July: Arrival and you're on your own for dinner.

Get together with other members after dinner.

Saturday 14 July: The Mystic Seaport has all sorts of exhibits open to the public and you get in free to all of them with your docking fee. Because of the requirements of their catering service, we will cook separately on our boats and then meet for dinner on the dock.

Sunday 15 July: Breakfast and return to home port.

Dock Fees –\$4.50 / ft. LOA. Dock Fees Include admission to the Seaport for all those aboard. For more details and to register your boat contact the Dock Master, Greg Zabel at 860-572-5391 or greg.zabel@mysticseaport.org. Please also contact D/Lt/C Charles Greenbacker, JN at ncfdchief1@aol.com or 860-742-1714 to let them know that you are planning to attend.

Arriving by vehicle. Each boat must register the names of up to 4 of those arriving by car in order for them to get in free. This can be done when you register your boat or upon arrival. The seaport will then have their names at the gate for free admission.

District Sail Race

We are joining with the Branford Yacht Club to take advantage of their 14 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.

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 20th annual fishing tournament/picnic on Friday, 20 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, 21 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 15 July who will be coming. Cost is \$5 plus a side dish. Come and enjoy a wonderful time.



Cdr Peter DePascale, AP in "Irish Mist". Aerial photo by Boatpix.



Sam Gilbert receives his prize last year from Jerry Pineault for his 18.5" fluke in the Youth Division. Photo by Lt/C Brenda Keefe, P.



Mini Cruise to the United States Coast Guard Academy

Please plan to join District 1 for our Mini Cruise to the United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, 10-12 August 2018.

Friday 10 August: you're on your own for dinner.

Saturday 11 August: Tour the USCG Museum No charge at 10:00. Walk the grounds of this beautiful and historic site, cookout (please bring a dish to share). Commanders Cocktail Party to follow.

Sunday 12 August: Commander Gilbert will make his famous blueberry pancakes before we return to our homes or home-ports.



Some of the District 1 fleet tied up at the USCG Academy during our 2014 visit. Photo from the Waterbury Squadron.

Arriving by vehicle. There is plenty of parking. Come enjoy the activities on Saturday. The driver and all passengers must have a photo ID (Driver's License or other State or Federal ID).

Arriving by vessel. We will be provided thirty dock spaces; our hosts at the academy will provide anchorage and moorings as needed. No charge. Please provide Charles Marino with the following: Your name, vessel's name, type of vessel (sail or power) and size and if an electrical hookup is required. As we approach the date I'll also need the names of others onboard and your ETA. The Academy will determine where any certain vessel will be docked, anchored or moored and when. Sorry no first come first served. Reservations need to be made as soon as possible. Being a Military Facility we all need to have photo ID (Driver's License or other State or Federal ID). 17 July is cutoff date for vessel reservation, but don't wait. Plan now, plan ahead, cancellations are always understandable, but space may be limited.

Contact: D/C Charles L. Marino, District 203-232-1277 (C) 203-723-7362 (H) 203-596-4202 ext. 3044 (O)
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District Poker Run (Returning to Hamburg Cove)

Saturday, 15 September, (Rain date: Sunday, 16 September)

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 10 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. If you would be willing to provide your boat as a "station" for the event or provide a dinghy, please contact Cdr Marino.

Cookout: Hamburg Cove Yacht Club @ 1400

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

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District Poker Run (Continued)

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.



The Blindfolded Dingy Race is on again this year! (Your chance to demonstrate your navigation skill)

For more details and to register contact Charles Marino, at bluenoseii@sbcglobal.net or 203-232-1277.

Spring Conference Program:

Ralph Lewis, Retired Professor of Geology, UConn Avery Point Campus

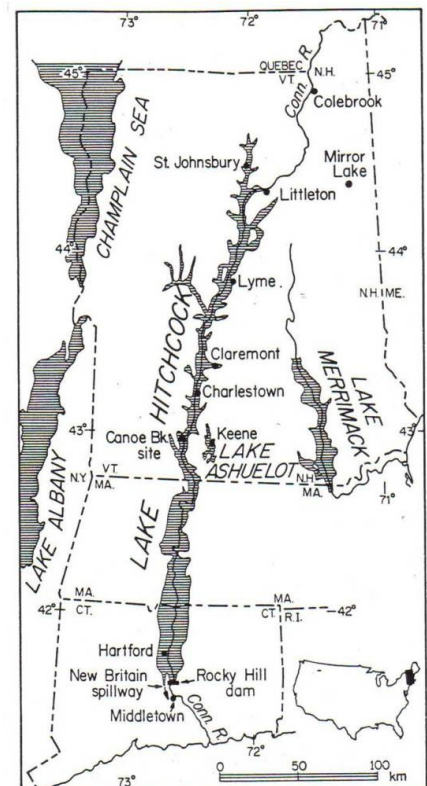
Professor Lewis described in some detail the evolution of the Connecticut landscape and in particular the CT River Valley. His slides showed very nicely each step in the changes the state went through. Using rock sampling and new “aging” techniques, the geologist can map out all the steps.

Connecticut was in the middle of the original single continent of Pangaea that was forming from 410m (million) to 260m years ago. It was pinned in between the rest of the U.S. on the west and Europe on the east-central side and Africa on the south-east side. The north/south ridges that run down the state were formed by the extreme compression created as continents converged to form the Appalachian Mountains. Beginning around 250m years ago, the continents began separating at the same rate as your fingernails grow, 6.7” in 85 years. As the continents spread apart, the state was “pulled” apart forming the CT central basin.

From 2m to 19k years ago, glaciers formed and melted, scouring out the central basin. As they melted they tended to form piles of debris which formed a barrier in Rocky Hill that created a lake to the north until 13k years ago. At that time the sea was 300’ lower than it is now and when the “dam” was slowly eroded away the CT river was formed by downward erosion. As the glaciers melted the level of the sea came up to where it is now.

We can easily observe a lot of these catastrophic changes just by looking along the CT river valley. The high walls on each side were the original ridges described above and the central valley is where CT was pulled apart. The LI shore is interspersed with bedrock ridges from the original compression and glacial deposits which formed the current beaches.

The question was asked if the sea came up 30’ due to current melting, would the CT River stop flowing. His answer was that if it came up 2’, the river would become salt water up to the Enfield dam.



Lake Hitchcock about 13,000 years ago before the “dam” broke.

National Awards *The following awards were presented by USPS for the year 2017-18.*

50 Merit Marks

P/D/C Herb "Bud" Greenbacker, SN Meriden

50 Year Pins:

S Edward Jeter, AP,	Hartford
P/C Roger Breunig, AP	Meriden
P/C Robert Bubello, AP	Meriden
William Houghtby, SN	Middletown
Richard Stone, AP	Saybrook

Life Members (25 Merit Marks):

P/D/C Elaine Williams, AP	Saybrook
P/C Al Mongllo, AP	Milford

2017 "Distinctive Communicator Award" for Publications

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

2017 "Distinctive Communicator Award" for Websites

Hartford Power Squadron
Meriden Power Squadron
Waterbury Power Squadron

National Growth Award

Small membership New Britain Honorable Mention
Large membership Waterbury Honorable Mention

Educational Achievement (Senior Navigator)

D/Lt/C Timothy F. Tyler, SN	Hartford
John H Thomas, Jr, SN	Meriden
P/C Stanley J. Kornacki, SN	Norwich
Ricardo Swilling, SN	New Haven

Educational Proficiency Awards (AP + 3 Electives)

P/C Jack Guarnaccia, N	Norwich
Cdr. Peter Collins, AP	Norwich

National Awards (continued)

Annual awards for contributions to the National Education Fund for 2017 with a 100% contribution

New Britain	23rd Year
Hartford	19 th Year
Saybrook	13 th Year
Middletown	3 rd Year

District Awards *The following awards were presented by District 1 for the year 2017-18.*

Everett M. Labelle Achievement Award
Norwich

Everett M. LeBel Educational Achievement Award for 3 Consecutive Years

Waterbury Sail and Power Squadron 2014-2015-2016

District VSC Awards for most VSCs

1 st Place	P/C John R. Robinson, AP	Saybrook
2nd Place	Cdr Joyce C. Bonney, S	Manchester
3 rd Place	Cdr Joe LaBelle, AP	Springfield.
Top Squadron	Springfield.	

Historian's Award 100% of squadron histories through 2016-17

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
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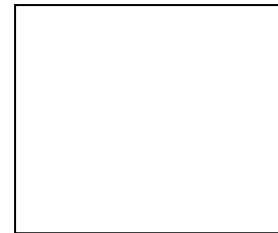
Sail Race

1st	Cdr Peter DePascale, AP	New Haven
2 nd	D/C Arthur Andrea, AP	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. Nonmembers 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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2016 National Safe Boating Council Statistics

All figures are from the U.S. Coast Guard's 2016 Recreational Boating Safety Statistics, the latest official record of reported recreational boating accidents. Full report available at <http://uscgboating.org>.



- * In 2016, the Coast Guard counted 4,463 accidents that involved 701 deaths, 2,903 injuries and approximately \$49 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents.
- * The fatality rate was 5.9 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents an 11.3% increase from last year's fatality rate of 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
- * Compared to 2015, the number of accidents increased 7.3%, the number of deaths increased 12%, and the number of injuries increased 11.1%.
- * Where cause of death was known, 80% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 83% were not wearing a life jacket.
- * Eight out of every ten boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.
- * Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 15% of deaths.
- * Where instruction was known, 77% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction.
- * Only 13% percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received a nationally-approved boating safety education certificate.
- * There were 171 accidents in which at least one person was struck by a propeller. Collectively, these accidents resulted in 24 deaths and 175 injuries.

