

Summer

2019

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Your 2019-2020 District 1 Bridge



Executive Officer Arthur Andrea, AP, Secretary Linda L. Lewis, AP, Treasurer Peter Jenkin, SN, Commander Charles F. Greenbacker, JN, Admin Officer Peter DePascale, AP, Education Officer George Gilbert, JN

Photo by Steve Erickson, JN



From the Helm: Cdr Charles F. Greenbacker, JN

As our summer boating season gets started I want to invite all of you to kick it off with a visit to our District 1 June Rendezvous and Council Meeting at the beautiful Brewers Essex Island Marina on June 22nd. If you want to bring your boat and come on Friday, the 21st, the price is discounted. You can come by car on Saturday and shoot some flares at our flare demo, participate in our council meeting, and enjoy a great picnic.

Once again P/D/C George Gilbert and other members taught several classes at Brewer's making it possible for us to use this fine facility at no charge. This year, the Milford Squadron is hosting the Council Meeting and Meriden Squadron is hosting the picnic. Thanks to both Squadrons for helping to ensure that the activities run smoothly.

Don't miss this summer's activities. As in the past years, we have a boating activity planned every month starting with the June Rendezvous. We have mini cruises to Mitchells in Greenport LI on July 19-21 and Strong's Water Club, Mattituck, LI. August 16-18. The Fishing Derby on July 12th hosted by the Norwich Squadron is always fun and if you are a sail racer, please consider the Sail Race on July 13 at Branford YC.

The summer wraps up with a light house cruise from New London on September 14th followed by the Poker Run at Hamburg Cove on Sept 21. Come by boat or land. Please see details for all these events in this issue and please participate.

2019 Spring Conference

Chief Commander's representative R/C Barbara Erickson, JN

R/C Erickson discussed the effort National is making for the "America's Boating Club" branding. National is now asking that the new branding take a more prominent role in our publications and websites. As a result, you will note our new mast-head look with the "America's Boating Club" logo at the top left. We are not eliminating the USPS Ship's Wheel, but are now including it in our footer and on the top of the last page.

She reported that efforts so far are paying off with website traffic increasing by 8%. National is committing \$195,000 this year to advertising and is improving the website to make it more appealing and usable.

The bundling of our courses, the boating course along with boat handling at one price seems to attract students. We are going to offer packages of online seminars as well. They have been very popular, and it is another way to reach our target.

Reception amongst our members has been good. District 16 Commander (where I come from) had a slogan that I keep foremost in my mind — marketing to the membership. We can't forget to keep our members informed and involved. Most non-renewals occur in the 3rd year after joining our organization. We tend to lose more members than we can recruit, so getting new members by holding ABC classes or offering advanced or elective classes to non-members helps. We should focus on retention. National will soon be sending out information about a new initiative to help us with retention and recruiting new members.

Our public face website is undergoing a redesign focusing on promoting and recruiting. It will offer a more user-friendly and updated website along with improved smart phone integration. This website is also being redone to improve interest through new layouts, colors, videos and images. Text has been reduced. You can help by promoting America's Boating Club, keeping your members engaged, and letting them know what is going on.

Please see more details from the Spring Conference of our 'Remembrance Ceremony' on page 5 and our program on page 6.



In keeping with P/D/C Herb "Bud" Greenbacker's St. Patrick's Day theme for the wonderful luncheon, P/D/C Charles Marino, P and his cousin Cathy Mones put together the centerpieces for the tables for the Spring Conference.
Photo by P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN



Join us for the 2019 June Rendezvous and Council

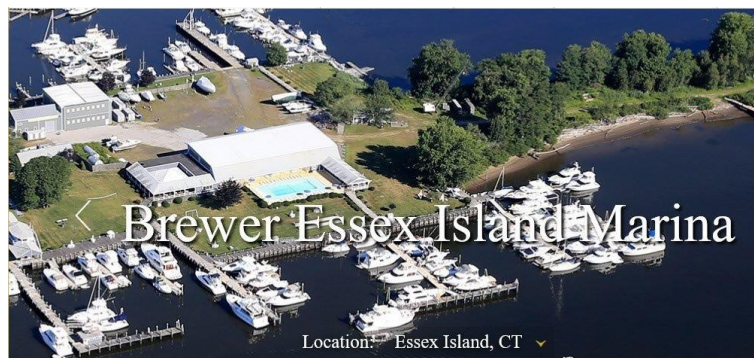
DISTRICT RENDEZVOUS

Brewer Essex Island Marina, Essex, CT

Date: Friday 21 June–Sunday 23 June

Host: The Meriden Squadron

Dress: TEAM Casual – Polo Shirts with USPS or
Squadron Affiliation



Saturday, 22 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 Milford Squadron.

1230 -- Blessing of the Fleet

1300 -- **D/I Council Meeting** hosted by the Milford 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 Meriden 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 Ken Bell, Sr., 347 Mulberry St., Plantsville, CT 06479 by June 14.

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/Lt/C Peter DePascale, AP at 203-671-2420 or bathworksinc@gmail.com for further questions.

Dockage: The normal dockage Friday-Sunday is \$4.25/ft/day. 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 two 30a or one 50a is \$25. Full refund if canceled before noon 3 days before.

To make a reservation, call Amy at 860-767-2483 or 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 "EID" 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).



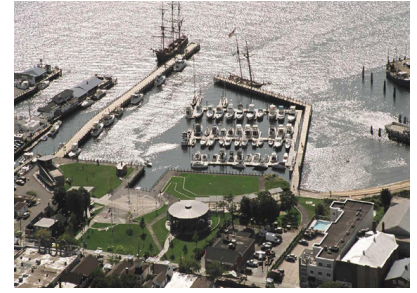
File Photo of P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P demonstrating the smoke flare. Bring your own or use our flares at the June Rendezvous.



District Mini Cruise

19-21 July, Mitchell Park Marina, Greenport, LI

Please plan to join District 1 for our Mini Cruise to Greenport in July.



Friday 19 July: you're on your own for dinner.

Saturday 20 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 21 July: Pancake and Sausage Breakfast **donation requested**, hosted by P/D/C George Gilbert, JN. Return to home port.

Dockage is \$3.50/ft/day; single 30a is \$10/day, double 30a or single 50a is \$20/day. Contact: 631-477-2200 by 1 June.

For more details and to register contact D/C Charles Greenbacker, JN at nctdchief1@aol.com or 860-742-1714.

District Sail Race

We are joining with the Branford Yacht Club to take advantage of their 13 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.



D/Lt/C Peter DePascale, AP in "Irish Mist".
Aerial photo by Boatpix.

Norwich Squadron Fishing Derby

District 1 is invited to join Norwich Power Squadron's 20th annual fishing tournament/picnic on Friday, 12 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, 13 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 8 July who will be coming. Cost is \$5 plus a side dish. Come and enjoy a wonderful time.



Cdr Paul Bialecki, P receives his prize for his "Largest Sea Bass" from Deb Lewis, S and Chairman Jerry Pineault, AP. Photo by Lt/C Brenda Keefe, P



District Mini Cruise

16-18 August, Strong's Water Club and Marina, Mattituck, LI

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



Friday 16 August: you're on your own for dinner.

Saturday 17 August: The marina has lots of amenities: junior Olympic pool, "Sounds of Summer" live music on Saturday night from 1600 to 2000, restaurant and bar, picnic area, and paddle board rental. We'll have a supper cookout (please bring your own meat to cook and side dish to share).

Sunday 18 August: Return to home port.

Dockage is \$4.95/ft/day; single 30a is \$10/day/double 30a/single 50a is \$20/day. waterclub@strongsmarine.com or call 631-298-4739. For more details and to register contact D/C Charles Greenbacker, JN at nfdchief1@aol.com or 860-742-1714.

Cross Sound Ferry Light House Tour

14 September, All cruises depart from the Cross Sound Ferry docks:
2 Ferry Street, New London, CT. (860) 444-4620

We will go aboard the Cross Sound Ferry in New London at 12:30 and ride by 9 lights and lighthouses including New London Ledge Lighthouse, Race Rock Light, Orient Point Lighthouse, and Plum Island Lighthouse. Cruises last approximately 2 hours. \$30 Adult | \$15 Child (ages 2-11) | Under 2 Free

Each member should contact the Cross Sound Ferry Company and make reservations.

For further information, see:

<https://www.longislandferry.com/Common/Help.aspx?page=/lighthouse/classic>



Remembrance Ceremony

Chaplain Paul Bialecki, P led a memorial service at the Spring Conference for members deceased in the last year. A candle was lit for each as the bell tolled.

Hartford Power Squadron: P/D/Lt/C George Donald Gwizd, Sr., JN; James Arthur LeGeyst;
P/Lt/C Eric Manner, S; P/LT/C Franklin R. Pylant, AP; P/LT/C Paul M. Silversmith, AP

Middletown Power Squadron: Stf /C Stanley L. Klein, SN

New Britain Power Squadron: Instructor William V. Dworski; Newell A. Stamm;
P/C Donald M. Swanson; Sondra J. Swanson.

New Haven Power Squadron: Clifford William McGuire, Jr., P; P/C Elliot J. Wilcox, SN

Springfield Power Squadron: Jerome L. Luke

Waterbury Power Squadron: John Altmann, AP

From District 2 we were informed of the passing of P/D/C Nina Anastasia, SN.

Nina came to many of our conferences over the past few years.

After the ceremony P/C Kenneth Bell, Jr AP played Taps.



Chaplain Bialecki and Lt/C Charlotte Gregory, P designed the board at the right to honor our members. Photo by Lt/C Gregory.



District Poker Run (Hamburg Cove YC)

Saturday, 21 September, (Rain date: Sunday, 22 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 14 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.



Rafting up at last year's Poker Run.

Photo by Eric Burdett, SN

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 Charles Marino, at blunoseii@sbcglobal.net or 203-232-1277.

2019 Spring Conference Program-“A Stroke of Luck”

On March 20, 2017, Bob Newbold's life was rocked by a stroke. He was in his office when suddenly, without warning, he lost the use of his right side and his ability to speak. In his presentation he discussed the incredible luck and medical advancements that brought helped him through the disaster.

- First, his staff called 911. He said the biggest mistake you can make is to get driven to the hospital. The EMTs were in constant contact with the hospital and when he arrived, jumped into action. The window of time to get help is 4 hours, so you have time.
- The second mistake would be to diagnose yourself and take aspirin. There are two types of strokes, one caused by a clot and the other caused by a hemorrhage. If you take blood thinners with a hemorrhage it makes the situation worse.
- Modern medicine is now able to remove the clot by feeding a tube up into the brain and collect the clot in a web-like net. The window of time for this operation has grown to 24 hours.

Since then, Bob has made it his mission to educate people of the importance of recognizing the signs and seeking treatment immediately. Bob has received national, statewide, and local recognition for his outreach efforts. It is his wish that anyone who has a stroke can be as blessed as he has been.



Poster image courtesy of the Massachusetts Department of Health



National Awards *The following awards were presented by USPS for the year 2018-19.*

50 Year Pins:

Donald Taylor, P	Hartford
L/C Fred Schilke, AP	Manchester
P/C Russel Tessie, P	Meriden
P/C Eugene Sullivan, JN	Middletown
Lawrence Yurdin, P	Milford
P/C Robert S. Emerson JN	Springfield

Life Members (25 Merit Marks):

P/C Joe Fernandes, P	Meriden
P/C John B. Olsen, Sr., SN	Manchester
Cdr Paul Bialecki, P	New Britain
Lt/C David Carreau, AP	Westerly
Lt/C Ronald Rodehorst, JN	Westerly
D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	Norwich

2018 “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

2018 “Distinctive Communicator Award” for Websites

District 1
Hartford Power Squadron
Meriden Power Squadron
Middletown Power Squadron
New Haven Power Squadron
Waterbury Power Squadron

National Advancement Celestial Navigation Award:

Stf/C Stanley L. Klein, SN Middletown

Annual awards for contributions to the National Education

Fund for 2018 with a 100% contribution

Hartford	20 th Year
New Britain	24 th Year
Middletown	4 th Year
Norwich	18 th Year

District Awards *The following awards were presented by District 1 for the year 2018-19.*

Everett M. Labelle Achievement Award
Springfield

District VSC Awards for most VSCs

1st Place	P/D/C Walter Weigert, SN	Saybrook
2nd Place	Cdr Joyce Bonney, S	Manchester
3rd Place	Henry Chmielewski, AP	Milford
3rd Place	P/D/C Art Andrea, AP	New Haven

Historian’s Award 100% of squadron histories through 2017-18

P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	Hartford
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

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

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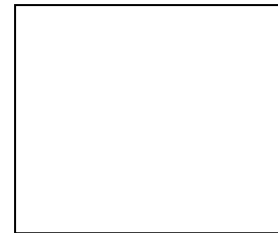
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Want to be a Vessel Safety Examiner?

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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2017 National Safe Boating Council Statistics

All figures are from the U.S. Coast Guard's 2017 Recreational Boating Safety Statistics, the latest official record of reported recreational boating accidents. Full report is available at: http://uscgboating.org/statistics/accident_statistics.php



Key Facts

- Drowning was reported as the cause of death in 76 percent of all fatalities (four out of five people died from drowning).
 - Approximately 84.5 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.
- In 2017, the Coast Guard counted 4,291 accidents that involved 658 deaths, 2,629 injuries and approximately \$50 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents.
- The fatality rate was 5.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 6.8 percent decrease from the 2016 fatality rate of 5.9 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
- Only 14 percent of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety instruction.
 - Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, machinery failure and alcohol use as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents. Where the primary cause was known, alcohol was listed as the leading factor in 19 percent of deaths.
- Where data was known, the most common types of vessels involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (46 percent), personal watercraft (18 percent) and cabin motorboats (16 percent).

Data Snapshot: • Fatalities: 658 • Drowning: 449 • Injuries (requiring medical treatment beyond first aid): 2,629
 • Boating accidents: 4,291 • Property damage: \$49,992.120 • Number of registered recreational boats in the U.S.: 11,961,568

