

Summer

2022

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Your 2022-2023 District 1 Bridge



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



From the Helm: Cdr Arthur Andrea, AP

It's the time of year that everyone is starting to work on their boats for the new boating season. Please check all your safety equipment like flares and life jackets and have a Vessel Safety Check done. It will be one less thing that you have to worry about when enjoying the season. May 21st to May 28th is Safe Boating Week so it's a great time to check your equipment.

The June Rendezvous and Council is coming up in a few weeks. Please see the information on page 3 to sign up. You don't need a boat to come to the Rendezvous and Council. We have a light lunch as well as a great picnic. Our Admin Officer, Charles Marino, has also planned a great line up of summer cruises. Please check them out on pages 4-5 and sign up for some of them as well.

I'd like to thank all the Squadrons that have had their Changes of Watch and wish all the new officers the best for the new year. I also want to thank George Gilbert and Pat Pabouet for helping, and especially my wife. We both enjoyed meeting with each Squadron and talking about the up-coming year.

Have a very safe boating season and I hope to see you at the June Rendezvous.

Arthur Andrea, AP, District Commander

2022 Spring Conference

The 2022 Spring Conference was held on 19 March at Campagna's Restaurant in Portland, CT. 27 members attending from 9 squadrons.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag led by D/Lt Ken Bell, Sr., AP, followed by the Invocation by D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P, Chaplain. Paul then led us in a Remembrance Ceremony for 12 of our valued members who passed in the last year. The full list is on page 7.

The message from the Chief Commander Craig D. Fraser, SN-IN, was presented via power point by Stf/C Michael D. Friedman, N from District 4. District Secretary, Linda Lewis, summarized it as follows: Your National Bridge is there to assist squadrons and programs. National is making some changes in multiple ways. Membership is Job #1. They are improving knowledge and enthusiasm thru marketing, education, and reorganization. With regards to marketing they have implemented new brochures, guide books, ads, and a "How to do it" Guide.

In education there are online and virtual classrooms, seminars, and webinars. NASBLA has both classroom and virtual ABC course only in English thru 12-31-2022. There are monthly briefings in the educational department. One big change is that National now allows us to purchase a single instructor seminar kit and give the seminar to a meeting (See Page 6). If the members want 'credit' for the seminar in their record, there would be a charge.

With regard to reorganization they are looking at simplification and reorganization of squadrons to be known as "Clubs" i.e. America's Boating Club, with more informality and flexibility. Districts would have an option to continue or disband and form local informal consortia of Squadrons. With this proposed reorganization there would be more direct support of clubs from National with reduced red tape. The details of this reorganization proposal are available on the National website. National will be looking for additional input this spring and then finalizing the plans this summer for full implementation in the summer of 2023.

The meeting continued with our normal 'Breakout' sessions presented to the entire group. Cdr Art Andrea, AP then presented the awards for 2021 (see page 7). Following lunch, the reports of the Bridge Officers and Committees were given including the Budget for next year and the report of the Audit Committee. Both were approved by the Conference.

The report of the Nominating Committee was then read by Nominating Committee member, P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN after which Stf/C Friedman held the election and swore in the new Bridge and Committee Members.



Join us for the 2022 June Rendezvous and Council

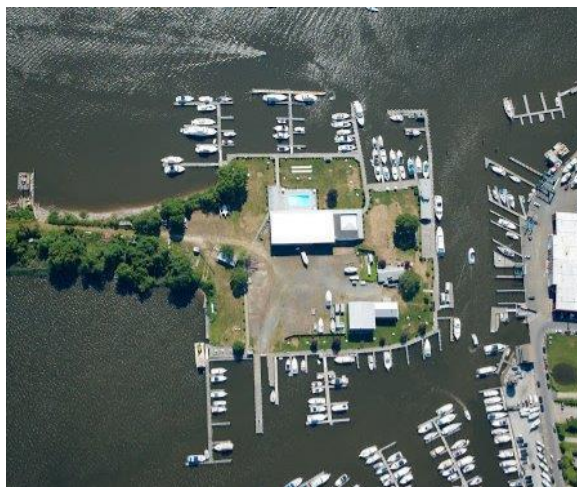
DISTRICT RENDEZVOUS

Safe Harbor Essex Island Marina, Essex, CT

Date: Friday 24 June–Sunday 26 June

Host: The Milford Squadron

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



Saturday, 25 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 New Haven Squadron.

1230 -- Blessing of the Fleet

1300 -- **D/1 Council Meeting** hosted by the New Haven 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, salad or side dish; K-Z dessert.** Cooking by the Milford Squadron.

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

Tickets are \$5 for adults, no charge for children. Send your check for \$5 per adult made to "USPS-D1" to Peter Jenkin, 32 Fieldstone Court, North Haven, CT 06473 by 19 June.

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. Come by boat or auto. Everyone is welcome; and bring the whole family.

Covid Precautions: Currently no masks are required on the lawn or in the pavilion. They may be required in the office. Please bring a mask to wear in the serving line so everyone will feel comfortable.

Contact: D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P, at 203-232-1277 or bluenoseii@sbcglobal.net for further questions.

Dockage: The dockage is \$5.25/ft/day. 30a service is \$15/night and two 30a or one 50a is \$30. Full refund if canceled before noon 3 days before.

To make a reservation, call 860-767-2483 or go online to "Dockwa.com" and enter the location "Safe Harbor-Essex Island" 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 "Traveling with the Power Squadron" so they can put our members together to the extent possible. If you have special needs please specify those as well. Note that 'Docwa' is best used on a laptop, not a cell phone.

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 to Lisman Landing Marina, Milford, CT

Where: Lisman Landing Marina, Milford, CT

When: 2-5 July (Note July 4 is on Monday)

Saturday 2 July: Join us for happy hour from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We'll have pizza and beer on the patio.

Sunday 3 July: 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.

Monday 4 July: We'll enjoy a cruise out to Charles Island for the fireworks display.

Tuesday 5 July: Breakfast and return to home port.



Dock Fees – \$3.00 / ft. LOA/night weekdays, \$3.50 weekends. Electric is \$10/day for 30amp, \$15/day for 50a or twin 30a. Slip fee includes ice and water, a laundromat, handicap accessible shower and restroom facilities, barbecue/picnic area, free wifi and pump out, 20% restaurant discount, and concierge service. Car rental, Shoreline East Railroad, bicycle rental, and tennis courts are nearby. There is a concert by the Rum-Runners on Fridays at 5 p.m. across the street. We monitor VHF Channel 9. Contact: 203-874-1610 by 15 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/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P, at 203-232-1277 or bluenoseii@sbcglobal.net for further questions.

9 July: 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.



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



District Fishing Derby

District 1 is invited to join Norwich Power Squadron's 22nd annual fishing tournament/picnic on Friday, 22 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.

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 20 July who will be coming. Cost is \$5 plus a side dish. Come and enjoy a wonderful time.



Sam Gilbert receives his prize in 2017 from Jerry Pineault for his 18.5" fluke in the Youth Division.
File Photo by Lt/C Brenda Keefe, P.

District Mini Cruise

19-21 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 19 August: you're on your own for dinner.

Saturday 20 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 21 August: Return to home port.

Dockage is \$6.25/ft/day weekdays, \$6.95 Fri-Sun; single 30a is \$25/day/double 30a/single 50a is \$40/day. Pool passes will be given out. Please advise you are with District 1 they will try to keep members together. Ask for Terry and she will do her best keeping the members together. Contact waterclub@strongsmarine.com or call 631-298-4739. For more details and to register contact D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P, at 203-232-1277 or blunoseii@sbcglobal.net.

For the 'Gunk Holers'. There is a federal anchorage and free dinghy dock at the head of Mattituck Creek across from Strong's Water Club and Marina. Anyone who would rather anchor and not pay for dockage can anchor between the buoys indicating the anchorage area. It is a short walk from the dinghy dock to the marina. It is also a short walk to Love Lane and the center of the village.



Mattituck Park District dock
Photo by D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN



Get your Squadron more involved with Civic Activity.

Two Power Squadron activities that do a lot of good for the boating community are:

Vessel Safety Checks. You can become a Vessel Safety Examiner and be your Marina's 'go-to' person for inspections. Your fellow boaters will appreciate having the USCG sticker attesting to the fact that they have been inspected and met the basic requirements for boating safety. It may even save them a USCG inspection.

You will take a short course, pass a test, and do 5 checks a year to maintain your qualifications. Contact D/Lt/C Pat Pabouet, District VSC Chair, at argus06108@aol.com to find out more.

CoOp Charting. Again, you can help the boating community as well as the USCG to make sure Nautical Aids to Navigation (ATONs) are properly located. We also report problems such as missing numbers, poor paint job, obscured by foliage, etc.

Going on a CoOp outing is a fun group event with a few hours checking ATONs and perhaps a lunch at a landing. Reports of problems are then made to the USCG and all inspections are reported to the USPS CoOp Committee for credit. All the reporting is on-line and fairly straight-forward.

Our District was 9th in the country due to Hartford's efforts. If a few more Squadrons got involved, we could do even better.

- Hartford has 'adopted' the CT River but that doesn't stop other Squadrons from checking it as well.
- No Squadron has adopted other major waterways in CT. There are a lot of them. These include: New Haven/Branford area, the Milford area, the Housatonic River, Niantic Bay, the Thames River, Mystic/Stonington/Watch Hill/Fisher's Island.

For more information please contact P/C Roger Breunig, AP/LM, District CoOp Chair, at ptgezer@yahoo.com.

Hartford and Middletown 90th Anniversary Celebration

Hartford and Middletown would normally have celebrated their 90th anniversary in 2021 as both were founded in 1931. Because of Covid, they delayed it a year but now it is definitely on. The Middlesex YC has been rented for Saturday, 17 September. They hope representatives from the District and from all of the District 1 Squadrons will be able to come and celebrate with them. As details are finalized as to the time, menu, entertainment, and cost, formal invitations will be sent out. Please put it on your calendar now to reserve the date for this great party.

New National Policy on Seminars

The Seminars developed by our National Education Committee are short (2 hours or less) programs in specific topics. Many of our Squadrons have used them at one time or another at boat shows, at meetings, or just offered them as courses. As most of our SEOs know, one of the impediments to using the Seminars was that we were asked to pay a fee for each attendee. The 'per person' fee was not huge, but cost is always a factor in attracting students. The new policy allows us to purchase an 'Instructor' set of materials and hold the course at one of our meetings or classes. In addition, the list of Seminars has been greatly expanded with new offerings. Here is a list of the current Seminars:

Advanced Powerboat Handling	AIS Electronics for Boaters	Anchoring with Assurance
Basic Weather and Forecasting	Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes	Handling your boat Underway
Slow Speed Maneuvering	Crossing Borders	Emergencies on Board
Fuel and Boating	Hands on Training	How to Use a Chart
Hurricane Prep for Boaters	Introduction to Navigation	Knots and Line Handling
Man Overboard	Paddle Smart	Partner in Command
Propane Systems on your Boat	Rules of the Road	Tides and Currents
Trailing your Boat	Using GPS	Using VHF and DSC Marine Radio

Are You Missing Our Emails!

210 of our District 1 members do not have an email address on file. This means the only communications you get are paper publications. You may be missing out on last minute announcements of squadron activities, cancellation of events, and other important communications from your Squadron, District, and National.

If you are getting this issue via paper copy, you can send us your email and we will update DB 2000 so you can get it via email. If you want a paper copy, you can let us know and we will send it via both email and paper copy.



National Awards *The following awards were presented by USPS for the year 2021-22.*

Full Certificate (Senior Navigator-SN)

Linda Henderson, SN Springfield

Educational Proficiency Award

Henry Mikucki, N Springfield

50 Year Plaque & Pin

George F. Krug, AP Hartford
Edwin S. Koski, SN Manchester
Robert W. Thompson, AP Meriden
Kevin V. Laxar, JN Westerly
Richard A. Muller, JN Westerly

2021 “Distinctive Communicator Award” for Publications

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

2021 “Distinctive Communicator Award” for Websites

District 1
Hartford Power Squadron
Meriden Power Squadron
New Haven Power Squadron
Norwich Power Squadron
Springfield Power Squadron
Waterbury Power Squadron

2021 CoOp Charting Awards

District 1 9th in USPS
Hartford Power Squadron Honor Roll, 15th in USPS

Annual awards for contributions to the National Education Fund for 2021 with a 100% contribution

Hartford 23rd Year
Middletown 8th Year
New Britain 27th Year
New Haven 8th Year
Norwich 21th Year
Springfield 20th Year

District Awards *The following awards were presented by District 1 for the year 2021-22.*

Commander’s Plaque and Recognition

To P/D/C Charles Greenbacker, JN for his dedication as District Commander 2019-2021.

District VSC Awards for most VSCs in 2021

P/D/C Walter Wiegert, Jr., SN Saybrook 1st (48)
P/C Joyce Bonney, S Manchester 2nd (23)
Scott Roden Meriden 3rd (10)
Cdr Joe Lebell, AP Springfield 3rd (10)
P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN Hartford 3rd (10)

Historian’s Award 100% of squadron histories through 2020-21

P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN Hartford
P/C Joyce Bonney, S Manchester
P/C Ken Bell, Sr., AP 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

P/D/Lt/C Peter DePascale, AP 1st New Haven

Remembering our Fallen Comrades

Manchester

Dr. Michael Tullman

Milford

P/C Alfred L. Mongillo, Jr., AP

New London

P/Lt/C Truxton Brodhead, P

P/C John Robinson, AP

Norwich

Albert "Ben" Morgan

Saybrook

P/D/C James E. Coley, JN

P/Stf/C Leslie W. Williams, Jr., JN

Springfield

Robert S. Emerson

P/C Edwin Orwat, N

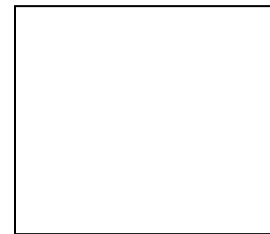
Jonathan P. Rice

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Westerly

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2020 U.S. Coast Guard Boating Statistics

- The fatality rate was 6.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels based on 5,265 accidents involving 767 deaths. This rate represents a 25% increase from the 2019 fatality rate. This was perhaps due to the increase in boat purchases and lack of training during the pandemic.
- Property damage totaled more than 62.5 million.
- 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 18% of deaths.
- Where cause of death was known, 75% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 86% were not wearing a life jacket.
- Where length was known, eight out of every ten boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.
- Where instruction was known, 77% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction.
- There were 247 accidents in which at least one person was struck by a propeller. Collectively, these accidents resulted in 39 deaths and 241 injuries.
- Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed, and alcohol use rank as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.
- The most common vessel types involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (46%), personal watercraft (22%), and cabin motorboats (13%). Where data was known, the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (50%), kayaks (15%), and personal watercraft (9%).

