

Fall

2023

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District June Rendezvous at 'Safe Harbor' Essex Island Marina

The District returned to the "Safe Harbor" Essex Island Marina on 23-25 June for its annual June Rendezvous and Council meeting.

We had a great turnout of 52 members and guests that enjoyed activities including the June Council Meeting, the "Blessing of the Fleet and Remembrance Ceremony" by our Chaplain, Cdr Paul Bialecki, P, and a new menu that included clams and corn on the cob (both big hits).

The Council Meeting included the election of P/D/C Charles Marino, P of the Waterbury Squadron to the Executive Officer Position and Lt/C Kevin Abbey, AP of the Springfield Squadron to the Audit Committee.

D/C Pat Pabouet, P thanked P/C RuthAnne Collins and her crew from the Norwich Squadron for the coffee and pastries, the New Britain Squadron for the cooking, Peter DePascale of the New Haven Squadron for helping with the grills, Charlotte Gregory of the New Britain Squadron and her crew that sold raffle tickets and took in the reservations, as well as the entire D1 Bridge.



Cdr Paul Bialecki, P leads the Council in the Blessing of the Fleet.

‘From the Helm’: D/C Patrick Pabouet, P

The boating Season is winding down and our boats are slowly being pulled out of the water. They will be needing repairs and you may have projects that can be done while they are out of the water. While you’re at it, you might have time to take a class or two. Many squadrons have returned to ‘in-person’ classes.

To help get you through the winter, Bill Waseleski and a committee of three Squadrons have worked on the Holiday party and it looks great. See the back page for details and I hope to see you there.

The District Fall Conference (see next page) was planned by the New Haven Squadron and promises to be very good. Art Andrea will be giving an ABC Recertification for all ABC instructors and we will be having a ‘break-out’ session to plan some of the activities for next summer.

I hope that you will get involved in your Squadron activities, take some courses, and attend the fall Conference and Holiday Party.

2023 Summer Activities

Our Squadrons and members had a lot of fun on the water this summer. These are just some of the pictures and stories we received.

8-9 July, Cruise to the Port Jefferson YC, Long Island, NY with the New Haven Sail and Power Squadron

Six boats gathered for our weekend of July 8-9 at Port Jefferson Yacht Club. They were *Therapy*, *Gussy*, *Irish Mist*, *Dark & Stormy*, *Pearl*, and *Bullseye*. This was a plan to



introduce newer members to cruising in company with experienced cruisers. The yacht club bar opens on Friday and Saturday evenings, so we convened at said bar at 1800 on Friday to start the weekend. The group later broke up for dinner at various establishments in town. It is a short walk from the Club to many local eateries, a very convenient feature of Port Jefferson.



Saturday was spent by most of us seeing the town, eating lunch out, dinghy exploring, or swimming. The *Bullseye* crew from Hartford Squadron was seen swimming and carousing in the water, having a great time, but they did not join us in our activities. On Saturday evening we hosted docktails on board *Pearl*, and John and Sally Noonan arrived. Their boat was exhibiting a mechanical problem, but being the most loyal Squadron members you could ask for, they came by car and ferry to join us. We had 14 people aboard for the event, and there were a lot of animated discussions about our boats, the trip to PJ, comparison of charts and favorite harbors, tours of the Nordic Tug, the currents for the trip home on Sunday, etc. It was truly a bonding experience for our Squadron members and gratifying to me as commander to see everyone getting together outside of the classroom setting.



Photos by D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN



D/C Pat Pabouet, P presents P/C Roger Breunig, AP/LM of Meriden with his ‘Member Emeritus of the Governing Board’ plaque for 50 Merit Marks. Photo by Cdr Jeanie Quigley

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CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2023 FALL CONFERENCE

DATE: Saturday, 18 November 2023
HOST: New Haven Power Squadron
TIME: 0900
PLACE: New Haven Sportsman's Club, 4158 Durham Rd, Guilford, CT (see directions on page 4)
DRESS: Uniform F or other appropriate attire

Schedule:

0800 Registration, Coffee, Raffle Tickets
Insignia/uniform swap-bring your spare insignia/uniform for others to use.

0900 **Call to Order:** D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance D/Lt Ken Bell, Sr., AP
Invocation P/D/C George M. Gilbert, JN
Introduction of Past District Commanders in attendance P/D/C George M. Gilbert, JN
Introductions of Guests and Head Table D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
Welcome to the Conference Cdr Peter Jenkin, SN, New Haven Squadron
Conference Roll Call: D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP

0915 **Message** from the Chief Commander

0930 **Program: Oyster Recycling and Restoration** Tim Macklin

1030 **Reports of the District Officers**
District Commander D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
Executive Officer D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P
Educational Officer D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP
Administrative Officer D/Lt/C William J. Waseleski, AP
Secretary D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
Treasurer D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN

Reports of the General and Standing Committees:
Audit P/D/C George M. Gilbert, JN
Rules Betsy Tyrrell, S
Planning Cdr Eugene H. Lewis, Jr. N
Nominating P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
Law P/C Theodore J. Wurzb, P

1130 **Attitude Adjustment** — Insignia Swap.

1200 **Luncheon**--See page 4 for menu and reservations.
* Awards presentation by D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
* Raffle

1330 **Reconvene the Conference** – Business Meeting
Action on the minutes of the 18 March 2023 Spring Conference
Departmental Workshops: *for Officers indicated, and others interested*
Commander's Meeting D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
ABC Instructor Re-Certification D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP

Unfinished Business

New Business

Confirm the date of 16 March and the location for the 2024 Spring Conference, Host: D1 Bridge
Consideration of any other business that should come before this meeting.



1530 **Benediction**

P/D/C George M. Gilbert, JN

Adjournment

By Order of the District Commander:
D/C Pat Pabouet, P

Directions to the New Haven Sportsman's Club, 4158 Durham Rd (CT-77), Guilford, CT

From Hartford Area: South on CT-9 S to exit 23A in Middletown, onto CT-17 South, Stay left onto CT-77 S.

From New Haven: I-91 N to exit 8, cross Foxon Blvd onto CT-17 N, right onto CT-77 S.

From CT-9 N: exit 21 onto CT-155 W, left onto CT-17 S, stay left onto CT-77 S.

Finally: CT-77 S to Sportsman's club at 4158 Durham Rd.

D1 Fall Conference Luncheon

Our Caterer is Panera Bread. We will have assorted sandwiches, individually wrapped and labeled, Caesar Salad, Beer, Wine, Soft drinks, water. Each Squadron is asked to bring a dessert for 8 people.

Please send your check for \$26 per person, made out to "USPS D-1" by **11 November** to: Peter Jenkin, 26 Essex Glen Dr, Essex, CT 06426. Please make your reservations, as walk-ins may not be served a meal.

Raffle - Bridge Members and each Squadron are asked to bring a raffle item. Thank you.

Pre-Conference Dinner will be at Cozy Corner Restaurant, 5 New Haven Rd, Durham, CT, 17 November 2023 at 1830 (6:30PM). Please confirm with Peter Jenkin at ladybug.peter@gmail.com by 11 November, 2023.

Hotel: Comfort Inn, 300 Boston Post Rd, Guilford, CT

Fall Conference Program features Tim Macklin from Collective Oyster Recycling and Restoration

CORR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to establishing and maintaining a collaborative statewide shell recovery and recycling network. This program promotes sustainability, reduces waste, and supports shellfish farming and oyster restoration projects in Long Island Sound.

Oyster and clam shells are a natural resource and are the ideal and preferred surface for oyster spat (microscopic baby oysters) to grow on. To restore and build new oyster reefs and grow more oysters a steady supply of shells is needed. To help facilitate these ongoing restoration projects, we created a shell recovery and recycling program. Through this program, we partner with restaurants, festivals, and events and assist them with recovering their shucked oyster and clam shells.

2023 Summer Activities (continued)

15 July District Sail Race, Branford, YC

One boat from District 1 participated in the "Branford Invitational" which is part of the ECSA (Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association) race series, held at the Branford YC on 15 July. D/Lt/C Art Andrea, AP, of the New Haven Squadron, sailed in *TreScooch*. This year Art asked his grandson and a friend to crew for the race.





12 July Heavy rains caused flooding on the CT River. New Britain Squadron Commander Paul Bialecki furnished these photos of damage on the river.

Photos by members of the Wethersfield YC.



28 July, District Fishing Derby



Hot weather, calm seas, great company, and delicious food. That was the recipe for a great day for the 22nd Norwich Power Squadron Fishing Derby held on 28 July, 2023. District 1 was invited to join them. There were 20 attending the awards picnic with representation from Norwich, Manchester, and New Britain.

Awards were presented to the following:
 Janice Thibodeau for largest porgie.
 Deb Lewis Warner for largest bluefish
 Jerry Pineault trophy for largest fluke
 Cdr Gene Lewis for largest seabass



Chairman Jerry Pineault presenting trophy to Cdr Gene Lewis for the largest seabass. Photo by P/C Joyce Bonney

Deb Lewis Warner with prize winning bluefish. Photo by Cdr Gene Lewis

10 June Hartford Squadron CoOp Charting

The Hartford Squadron made its annual CoOp Charting trip on the Connecticut River. They added a boat and two more members to the team this year as well as checking Hamburg and North Coves. They found 122 ATONs with no discrepancies and 27 with missing numbers, needing paint, and even some obscured by foliage. The discrepancies were all reported to the USCG.

The three boats met at Haddam Meadows State Park before returning to the East Hartford ramp and the Saybrook 'under bridge' ramp respectively. This year's team was (front row) D/C Pat Pabouet, Nancy Berlandy, Paula Berlandy, Carrie letendre, Sarah Berlandy; (Back row) Ken Letendre, P/D/Lt/C Tim Tyler, Lt/C Jim Salvatore, Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, Lt/C Tom Berlandy, 1st Lt. Ted Wurz, Cdr Bill Waseleski. Photo by David Waseleski



<-P/D/C Walter Wiegert does Vessel Safety Checks at the Essex YC. Photo by Essex YC

>-Commander of the New Haven Squadron, Peter Jenkin took this photo of his boat at the Waterford Visitor Center just before lock 2 (in the background).





<-1st mate Shelby, our family dog enjoying a day anchored at Nott Island Essex aboard *Let It Go*. Photo by Rich Fortunato of the Hartford Squadron.

>-Frank Pascucci of the Hartford Squadron took this picture while ‘jeeping’ in Cockaponset State Forest in the Chester area.



<-The New Britain Squadron held its Executive Board meeting in Aruba. May 2023. Standing L-R:John DeSouza, Cdr Paul Bialecki, Lt/C Ed Englehardt; Seated: Murielle DeSouza, Lt/C Charlotte Gregory, Lt/C Linda DeConti. Photo by waiter at La Petite.

>-Cdr Paul Bialecki (New Britain PS) & Lt/C Shirley Bloethe (Meriden PS) promoting ABC Classes at Open house at Tag’s Bait & Tackle store in Plainville. May 6, 2023. Photo by Charlotte Gregory



<-The full moon over Ninigret Pond, RI.

>-Pulling grandson Maxwell on a inflatable purchased at the Hartford Squadron Swap Meet.

Photos by P/D/C George Gilbert



<-Sailing to Greenport, NY and flying our spinnaker.

>-Frank Pascucci of the Hartford Power Squadron helping out Rob Goldstein at the helm of Rob’s 45’ Hunter Sailboat *Tackquila* on LI Sound.

Photos by Rob Goldstein of the Hartford Squadron





<-Three boats from Waterbury Squadron gathered at Hamburg Cove to kick off the summer on Memorial Day Weekend. *Improbability* returned from Florida, *Miss Ruby* ventured under the East Haddam Swing bridge and *Bendlers* arrived on their Whaler from Haddam Meadows ramp. Photo by Cdr Jeanie Quigley



->Waterbury Bridge set the tone for their

September meeting at Pataconk Yacht Club with a sunset cruise on the CT River on Linda Miller's *Silver Lining*. Photo by AO Sue Mucciacciaro

Hartford Boat Show Booth

The Hartford Squadron has signed up to sponsor a booth at the **2024 Hartford Boat Show**. It will be held at the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT Thursday, January 18th through Sunday, January 21st, 2024.

Booth participants get in free. If you are interested in signing up for a 3-4 hour time slot, or have any questions regarding the show, please contact Hartford Commander Bill Waseleski at commander@hartfordpowersquadron.com.



P/D/Lt/C Ken Weeks, Jr, AP

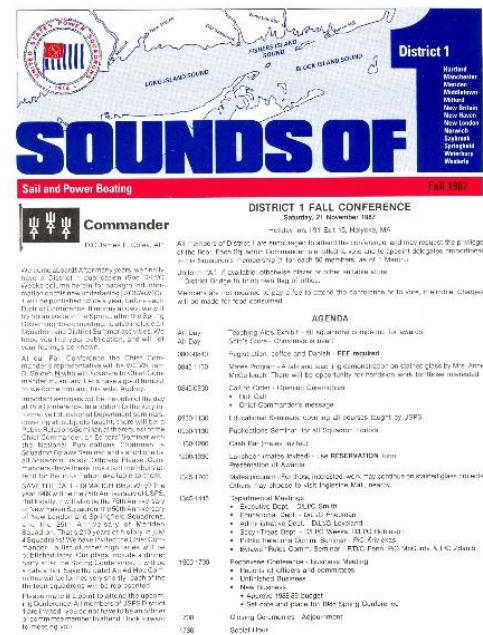
We are sorry to report that P/D/Lt/C Ken Weeks, Jr passed away on 29 September. Ken was a Past Commander of the Hartford Squadron and a Past Secretary of the District, but most important for the District is that he was the founder and first editor of the *Sounds of 1*.

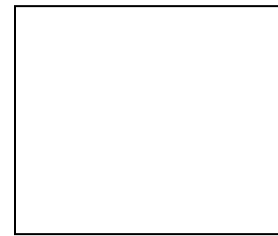
In the current editor's inaugural issue, Spring of 2011, we wrote a short article on the founding of the *Sounds of 1* as follows:

In his resignation letter in May of 1996, long time editor P/D/Lt/C Ken Weeks, Jr., AP of the Hartford Squadron stated that the "Sounds of 1 was begun sometime in the summer of 1987 at a brain-storming session with D/C Jim Coley, D/Lt/C Ham Smith, D/Lt/C Hayden Loveland, P/D/C Ralph Borriello, P/C Cameron Taylor, me, and quite likely others."

In that summer, they worked out a layout, a masthead, a name and in the inaugural issue for the Fall of 1987, Ken Weeks, the new editor, stated: "The District Bridge has recognized the need to directly communicate with our 2000+ members. The name "Sounds of 1" is a simile introduced by P/D/C Ralph L. Borriello, AP of the Meriden Squadron. For the masthead we turned to P/C Cameron C. Taylor, JN of the New Haven Squadron and the resulting 2-color masthead is his rendition."

Ken will be remembered at a Memorial Service at 11:00 on 28 October at the First Church of West Hartford, 12 South Main St, West Hartford, CT. Please wear your Class A uniform if you have one.





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District Holiday Party ----Featuring “Echoes of Sinatra”

District 1 is hosting a holiday party on Saturday, 9 December, at the Middletown Elks Lodge, 44 Maynard St, Middletown, CT,

The party will start at 5:00 PM with a cash bar (Elk Member Prices) and a cheese and cracker platter. We will have a fantastic buffet spread with Chicken Marsala, Penne marinara with shredded parmigiana, Kara homemade meatballs in marinara, Roasted garlic mashed potatoes, Sautéed mixed vegetable medley, salad of mixed greens, grape tomatoes, red onion, shaved carrot and cucumber, balsamic vinaigrette, assorted toasted dinner rolls and butter, dessert, and coffee.

For fun we have planned a Yankee-Swap. Bring a **wrapped** gift in the \$10 range for the Yankee-Swap. Be the next member to bring the ‘Hot Item’—it gets cutthroat! Steve Kazlauskas, ‘Echoes of Sinatra’, will entertain us with a tribute to this legendary performer with stories and songs that bring back the golden era! We will also be collecting **unwrapped** gifts for ‘Toys for Tots’.

Don’t miss out on this party. The cost is only \$35.00 per person. Book it early as there are only 65 tickets.

Please send your check for \$35.00 per person made out to “USPS D-1” to: Peter Jenkin, 26 Essex Glen Dr, Essex, CT 06426 by 1 December 2023.



The ‘Hot Item’ last year was a LED work light. Who Knew! Linda Greenbacker was the final lucky ‘owner’. Photo by Jeanne Waseleski

