

Spring

2024

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District 1 Fall Conference

The District Fall Conference was held on 18 November, 2023 at the New Haven Sportsman's Club in Guilford, CT.

We had an excellent presentation by Tim Macklin, co-founder of Collective Oyster Recycling and Restoration (CORR). Tim presented a power point on the importance of oyster shell recycling. Most important is that oysters keep the environment healthy. They also provide jobs. Oyster shells create a habitat for other marine organisms. They improve the water quality through filtration and improve the shoreline stabilization by building up reefs.

CORR is partnering with restaurants in Connecticut to save the shells. They have small table buckets which are then dumped into larger containers that are picked up by CORR for shell curing out in the elements for 6 months. Shells are then planted in creeks and other areas to form reefs in the early spring in time for spawning.

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From the Helm: Cdr Patrick Pabouet, P

It's time to get your boats ready for the summer. First, however, we have our Spring Conference at the Pequabuck Golf Club in Terryville Ct on March 16, 2024. Then, to a different venue for our June rendezvous; we are going to Middlesex Yacht Club in Chester Ct. Your Admin officer is going all out to make these two new locations a success. Please see the details in this issue.

Spring is also the time to take courses. We have courses for basic boating (ABC) all the way to celestial navigation. Check what your education officer is offering. You may also want to check other squadrons in your area as they may be offering the course that you want. You will receive credit for taking the course even if you take it with another squadron.

Hope to see you at our upcoming events. Let's go boating.

Fall Conference (Continued from Page 1)

Chief Commander Craig D. Fraser, SN sent a video presentation highlighting IT improvements with increased customer satisfaction, where members can do a one-stop-shop, pay dues, join groups etc. Districts would be able to sign up members, purchase educational materials etc. All of this is still in the testing phase.

During the 'Breakout' sessions, Education Officer, D/Lt/C Art Andrea, AP and P/D/C George Gilbert, JN gave an ABC 'Recert' class to a number of our ABC Instructors.

Sadly, our long time District Chaplain, Cdr Paul Bialecki, P of the New Britain Squadron made his 'retirement' from the office official. We will miss his handling of the many duties of the Cha plain, especially the 'Blessing of the Fleet' and 'Remembrance' ceremonies.

For the full minutes of the meeting please take this link to the District Website and follow the menu item for 'Officers and Documents: <https://usps.org/d1/>

Spring Conference Program Features:

'We are very likely to Die'

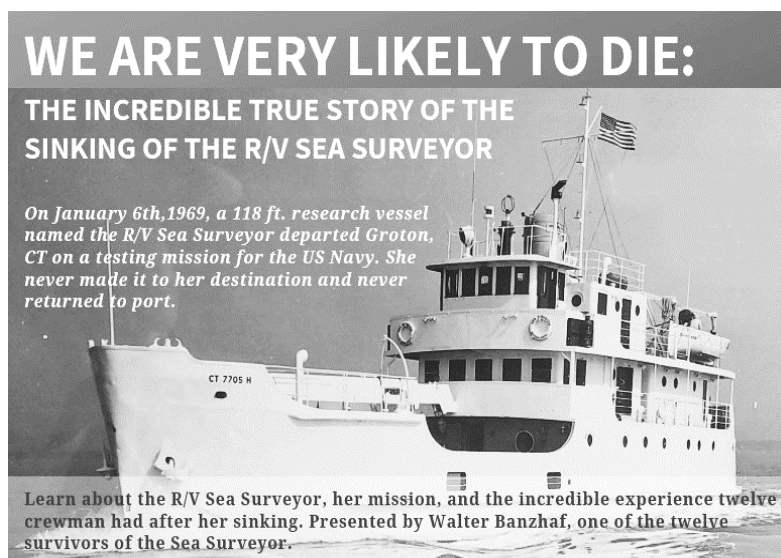
Walter (Wally) Banzhaf will describe his harrowing experience surviving the sinking of the research vessel 'Sea Surveyor' in 1969.

Wally earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

1968 was a great year: he left Troy NY, married Mattie, and began working at the Navy Underwater Sound Lab (NUSL) in New London. Wally started in Submarine Sonar and quickly moved to the Submarine Antenna Branch of NUSL.

In contrast, 1969 did NOT start well. 6 months after beginning work at NUSL, as the "new guy" he was "**volun-told**" to go to sea on a Research Vessel from Electric Boat in early January 1969.

Electric Boat was testing a new "classified" receiving system that would allow subs to know everything about all RF signals nearby. Instead of meeting the submarine USS Greenling 270nm south of Nantucket, 12 men watched their ship sink, spent 27 hours in a life raft in January in a gale (Beaufort 9-10) and nearly died of hypothermia. Come to the Spring Conference to hear the whole story!



CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2024 SPRING CONFERENCE

DATE: Saturday, 16 March, 2024
HOST: District Bridge
TIME: 0900
PLACE: Pequabuck Golf Club
 56 School St, Terryville, CT 06786
 (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/uniforms 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 and Remembrance Ceremony
 Introduction of Past District Commanders in attendance P/D/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN
 Introductions of Guests and Head Table D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
 Welcome to the Conference
 Conference Roll Call: D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
 0915 **Message** from the Chief Commander N/Fl/Lt Randy Stow, JN-IN
 0930 **Conference Program:** ‘We are very likely to Die’ Walter Banzhaf (see Page 2)
 1030 **Departmental Workshops:** *for Officers indicated, and others interested*
 Commander’s Meeting D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
 Education Officer’s Meeting D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP
 Secretary Meeting D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
- 1130 **Attitude Adjustment** — Insignia Swap.
- 1200 **Luncheon**--See page 4 for menu and reservations.
 * Awards presentation by D/C Patrick Pabouet, P and N/Fl/Lt Randy Stow, JN-IN
 * Raffle
- 1400 **Reconvene the Conference** – Business Meeting
Action on the minutes of the 18 November 2023 Fall Conference
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 D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN
 Rules Betsy Tyrrell, A
 Planning Cdr Eugene HJ. Lewis, Jr., N
 Nominating P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN
 Law P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P
- Unfinished Business**
New Business
 Presentation and Approval of the 2024-25 Budget D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN
 Nominating Committee Report P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN
 Election of Officers and Committee Members N/Fl/Lt Randy Stow, JN-IN

Change of Watch

N/Fl/Lt Randy Stow, JN-IN

Confirm the date and location for the 2024 Fall Conference, Host: Norwich Squadron
Consideration of any other business that should come before this meeting.

1530 **Benediction**

Adjournment

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

Directions to Pequabuck Golf Club 56 School St, Terryville, CT 06786

From Hartford: I 84W to exit 33, onto Rt 72W. Rt 72 becomes Terryville Rd and then Riverside Ave, right onto School St.
From Middletown: Rt 9N to exit 37, Rt 72W toward Bristol. Follow the Hartford steps from Rt 72W.
From Waterbury: Rt 8N to exit 39 in Thomaston, onto Rt 6E, right onto Bushnell, left onto Makara St, left onto School St.
From New Haven: I 91N to Rt 9N. Follow the Middletown steps from Rt 9N.

D1 Spring Conference Luncheon

The menu will be a buffet of: salad of mixed greens, penne with sauce, roasted red potatoes, vegetables, bread and butter, coffee, and tea and two entrees: sausage & peppers and oven roasted chicken. Beer & wine ‘donation’ bar will be open for “Attitude Adjustment”. Please send check for \$25 per person, made out to “USPS-D-1” by March 9th to: Peter Jenkin, 26 Essex Glen Dr, Essex, CT 06426. Please make your reservations, as walk-ins may not be served a meal.

Pre-Conference Dinner: Farrells Restaurant, 245 Marlborough St., Portland CT. 15 March at 6:00pm. Please contact Bill Waseleski at wwaseleski@centuryspringmfg.com to make a reservation. Please join us to meet the Chief’s Representative.

Hotel-Double Tree Hotel, 42 Century Drive, Bristol, CT

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

**Hartford Power Squadron’s
8th Annual Swap Meet and Craft Show**

The Hartford Power Squadron will be hosting its annual boat show and swap meet at West Marine, 1667 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, CT on Saturday, 18 May 2024.

This family-friendly event will feature cookout-style food as well as items for sale. Not restricted to boats and boating equipment/services. Vendors can showcase locally made crafts, unique jewelry, one-of-a-kind gifts, clothing, tools, and much more!

Vendor reservations are available at only \$25 for a 9x18-foot space. For more information or to reserve a space, email: swapmeet@hartfordpowersquadron.com today!

P/D/C Ralph L. Borriello, AP

We are sorry to report the passing of Ralph Borriello. P/D/C Ralph L. Borriello, AP was Commander of District 1 from 1997 to 1999. Ralph was a member of the Meriden Power Squadron and was very active in his Squadron as well as the District.

P/D/C Bud Greenbacker, SN of the Meriden Squadron reports that Ralph joined the Meriden Squadron sometime around 1957. He was also a member of Pattaconk Yacht Club, and enjoyed anchoring in Great Salt Pond, Block Island.

Ralph at the 2013 Fall Conference



Bring the kids and have a fun time at this outdoor event!
This family-friendly event will feature cookout-style food as well as items for sale. Not restricted to boats and boating equipment/services. Vendors can showcase locally made crafts, unique jewelry, one-of-a-kind gifts, clothing, tools, and much more! Vendor reservations are still available but going fast at only \$25 for a 9x18-foot space!
For more information or to reserve a space, email: swapmeet@hartfordpowersquadron.com today!
Additionally, members of the Hartford Power Squadron will be available to help boaters access information on our courses, including the basic water safety class that qualifies students to obtain their required certification from the state of Connecticut.
All proceeds will benefit the Hartford Power Squadron's mission to advance boating education, safety, and the enjoyment of recreational boating.



DISTRICT 1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Report of the District 1 Nominating Committee

For the 2024-2025 one-year term

Commander	D/C Patrick Pabouet, P	Hartford
Exec. Officer	D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P	Waterbury
Educ. Officer	D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP	New Haven
Admin. Officer	D/Lt/C William J. Waseleski, AP	Hartford
Secretary	D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	Norwich
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN	New Haven
Asst. Ed. Officer	Open	
Asst. Admin.	Open	
Asst. Secretary	Open	
Asst. Treasurer	Open	

Rules Committee

Betsy Tyrell, S	Meriden
P/D/Lt/C Barbara T. Huber, AP	Springfield

Audit Committee

P/D/C George M. Gilbert, JN	Middletown
Lt./C Kevin F. Abbey, AP	Springfield
P/D/C Herb (Bud) Greenbacker, SN	Meriden

Planning Committee

Cdr Eugene H. Lewis, Jr., N	Norwich
P/C Ken Bell, Sr., AP	Meriden

Nominating Committee

P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN	Hartford
Open	

Law Officer

P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P	Hartford
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The Nominating Committee

P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, Chair

Summer Activities for Your Calendar

These summer activities will be described in more detail in the Summer Sounds of 1, but in the meantime please put these events on your calendar. If your squadron has planned activities, please let us know.

31 May-2 June (Note Dates Changed)

D-1 June Rendezvous, Middlesex YC, Chester, CT.

Boating members will arrive Friday evening. Non-boating members will begin arriving at 10:00 on Saturday and enjoy the pool and other activities. A light lunch will be served, the council held at 13:00, followed by the blessing of the fleet, the Commander's cocktail party and a picnic.

1 June **D-1 Council** convenes at 13:00.

20-23 June Raft-Up to 3 Mile Harbor

The New Haven Squadron is sponsoring a raft-up to 3 Mile Harbor, East Hampton, NY. Activities will include dinghy trips to the beach as well as happy hour on board. Marinas are available for those with reciprocal privileges.

13 July **D-1 Sail Race**, Branford Yacht Club, Branford, CT. This is an official function of the ECSA, Eastern CT Sailing Association. Contact Art Andrea, 203-468-1210 for further information.

July (TBD) D-1 Fishing Derby

Date awaiting information on tides. Fishing begins at 0800 and ends at 1400. Please contact Gene Lewis if you would like to participate. Awards Picnic is at 1600 at the Lewis Cottage, 25 Nichols Lane, Waterford, CT 06385. Bring a side dish and \$5. Everyone is welcome to attend the picnic even if you don't fish.

Bio of Chief's Rep: National/Flag/Lt Randy Stow, JN-IN

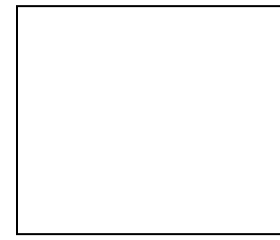
Randy earned a BS in Engineering Science from Florida State University in 1971. He then attended Officer Candidate School and deployed in the US Navy as a Line Officer serving in the Atlantic fleet. In 2008, he retired from Caterpillar, Inc after 32 years of domestic and international assignments and moved full time to Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia.

On retirement, Randy joined the United States Power Squadrons in 2007 with the intent of focusing on Boater Safety. He became a certified boating instructor for both the USPS and the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources. As will happen, he went on to serve as the Commander of the Smith Mountain Lake Sail & Power Squadron and then as the District 5 Commander for 31 squadrons in 5 states.

To increase credentials for boating instruction and to gain increased flexibility in on-the-water training opportunities, Randy earned a USCG Masters license. Currently he serves as a towing and salvage captain for Seatow on Smith Mountain Lake. On Smith Mountain Lake, Randy serves on the Water Safety Council and leads the Navigation Committee for the Tri-County Lakes Administrative Commission.

He and Judy have been married for 52 years and have three daughters and nine grandchildren.





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Secretary	D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	860-908-3877
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN	203-606-5028

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

District 1 hosted its Holiday Party on Saturday, 9 December, at the Middletown Elks Lodge, 44 Maynard St, Middletown, CT.

The turnout was very good with 56 members and guests enjoying a very nice buffet spread with Chicken Marsala, penne marinara with shredded parmigiana, Kara homemade meatballs in marinara, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, sautéed mixed vegetable medley, salad, assorted toasted dinner rolls and butter, dessert, and coffee.

We want to thank the Middletown Elks for their hospitality, Chef Mike Karabella’s catering for the outstanding meal, and of course, Steve Kazlauskas, for his entertainment with both Sinatra and Christmas music.



Cdr PeterJenkin, SN and P/C Nancy Miller, SN of the New Haven Squadron present Lance Cpl Martindale of the U.S. Marine Reserves with the “Toys for Tots’ from the Party. Photo by Marine Reservist

For fun we again had a Yankee-Swap. There were several ‘swapped’ items including honey, beer, and even a hammer set, but the big one was a ‘Yeti’ hot/cold cup.



D1 Admin Officer Bill Waseleski, AP, P/D/Lt/C Tim Tyler, SN, and D1 Commander Pat Pabouet, P

Photo by Jeanne Waseleski



The ‘Hot Item’ this year was a ‘yeti’ hot/cold cup finally claimed by P/C Linda Miller of the Waterbury Squadron.

Photo by Cliff McKibbin

