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“A Beacon of Calm on a Cool Winter Day”



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14 February	Executive Committee Meeting - Century Spring Mfg 6pm	
28 February	February Members Meeting, Olympia Diner Berlin, CT	
28 March	Annual Meeting/Election of Officers Olympia Diner	
2 April	Change of Watch TBD	
22 April	Hartford Power Squadron Swap Meet Westbrook Outlets 314 Flat Rock Pl, CT	
Schedule of Upcoming District 1 Activities		
19-26 February 2023	USPS Annual Meeting -Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, FL	
18 March	Spring Conference location TBD	
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At the Helm

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Ahoy All,

We just finished working our booth at the Hartford Boat Show at the Mohegan Sun Casino, and I'd like to thank all who helped set up & staff this event. The list includes, Pat Pabouet, Paul & Charlotte Bialecki, Sally Noonan, Gene & Linda Lewis, Dave & Laura Dzurec, Alan VanKirk, Susan Mucciacciarri, Tim Tyler, Jim Salvatore, & Jeanne Waseleski. If half of the crowd of boaters we spoke to come to our Boat Show/ Swap Meet in April, and take our ABC classes, we're going to have an outstanding year!! We've already sold 25 spaces at the swap meet and 9 food trucks have applied. It's free to attend, but if you have a Boat, Marine Accessories, or craft items you would like to sell, go to our website (www.hartfordpowersquadron.org) and get a space now.

We held a raffle for a 24" Jim Buoy Life Ring at the Boat Show. Entry was free in exchange for joining our email list. The winner was Robert Drury from New London.

The Trivia Contest at our January 24th Member Meeting at the Olympia Diner was lot of fun. Steve Petty was our host; and tested us with Boating, General Knowledge, & Musical Trivia questions. We had 18 contestants divided into 4 teams. The grand prize winners (by 1 point!) were the "Fantastic Four"- Tim Tyler, Frank Pascucci, Rob Goldstein, & Mike Rinaldi. Congratulations!

Darren Sweeney, meteorologist from NBC 30, will be our presenter at our February 28th Member Meeting. No boater should venture out on the water without checking the weather first. Darren Sweeney will give us some pointers on what to look out for.

This year we will have Brandon Hyner, History Channel's "Forged In Fire", Season 8 Episode 39 Winner at our Boat Show/Swap meet demonstrating his skill. Stay tuned for more developments.

Ticket for our "All Cash Raffle" are now on sale. First prize is \$500 cash. You can purchase tickets from any ExCom member or contact our raffle chairman, Tim Tyler at otimtyler@gmail.com.

The District is planning activities for 2023, let me know any ideas you have. We need your input to make our squadron better.

They say, "You can't buy happiness, but you can buy a boat and that's pretty much the same thing."

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP

Be sure to check page 3 for great information on the American Heart Association's Heartsaver CPR AED course

Education Department

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We are pleased to announce the 'in person' one-day ABC courses for the spring. We will be teaching ABC at the Bristol Public Library on Saturdays, 25 March and 20 May. They will be held 8:30 to 4:30 and the cost is \$50 which includes coffee and lunch.

Below is the list of courses that are very practical to take on your own and the 'Net' cost to you, a saving of 20% over the normal price. Most are available in 'e-book' form if you prefer those at the same price.

If you are interested, please email Cliff15.McKibbin@comcast.net and he will get you started.

Course	Net Cost	Electives	Net Cost
Boat Handling (Formerly Seamanship)	43	Cruise Planning	43
Marine Navigation (Piloting)	43	Engine Maintenance	43
Weekend Navigator	15	Marine Electrical Systems	43
Plotting tools	15	Marine Communication Systems	43
Advanced Marine Navigation (AP)	43	Electronic Navigation Systems	43
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Would you like to teach one of our courses? We need instructors for Boat Handling, Marine Navigation, and others. If you have taken a course and would like to teach it, please contact Pat Pabouet at Argus06108@aol.com.





Do you know what to do if someone collapses in front of you?

Do you know how to relieve choking?

If you want the skills to respond to and manage an emergency until EMS arrives and need a completion card, take the American Heart Association's **Heartsaver CPR AED** course.

Heartsaver CPR AED: This course teaches CPR, AED use and relief of choking in adults, children and infants. It is designed for teachers, fitness instructors, babysitters, security guards, coaches, industrial companies and high school students. Participants will receive a textbook and, upon successful completion, a completion card.

Date **Wednesday, March 15th at 6-8 p.m.**
Location: **East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department**
 94 South Road, Farmington
Cost: **\$40 includes pizza and soda.**
Reservations: Must be Made. Contact Jim Salvatore at jimsal1@comcast.net

Please wear comfortable clothing as you will be kneeling on the floor to practice providing compressions.
Please park behind the firehouse.



Giving Back

Nominating Committee Chairman - P/C Tim Tyler, SN

Squadron elections are only 2 months away but it is not too late to think about giving back. Most of our elected members have held various positions for at least 6 years, and some for quite a bit more than that. Although they all find serving rewarding, it would be great if other members came forward and helped take a turn at the helm. We need your help. All the positions have minimal time requirements, most of which are for a couple of evening hours once a month during the non-boating months.

The easiest way to get your feet wet is in an assistant position. You normally serve as an assistant for a year or two and then move up. Assistant positions that need to be filled in the upcoming election are Assistant Education Officer, Assistant Administration Officer, Assistant Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer. The titles may sound intimidating, but the responsibilities are easily learned.

If you are ready to expand your skill set, add an interesting entry to your resume and help your squadron, please give me a call. You can also speak directly to the individual now holding a Bridge position that you may be interested in assisting. You can find contact information on the last page of this Newsletter.

We are also looking to fill the Treasurer and Secretary positions with “new blood.” Anyone who has filled similar positions in this or other organizations is encouraged to apply.

This is an opportunity for your voice to be heard and we are eager to hear your fresh ideas. You will become an integral part of the process of running our squadron. If you are ready to step forward and support your squadron in a new and exciting way please contact me via email at timtyler@timtyler.us or give me a call at (860) 561-0669 so we can discuss the next step in your USPS journey.

Please don't let this opportunity to develop new skills and help your squadron pass you by!

Hartford Boat Show Photos



(It to rt, top to bottom) Hartford Power Squadron Commander William J. Waseleski, AP; Alan VanKirk, Outboard Motors on display at the Show.; Lt/C and Susan Mucciaccari, Lt/C of the Waterbury Power Squadron; (courtesy of Tom Bombria).

DARREN SWEENEY

Meteorologist Darren Sweeney of NBC 30 is our 28 February Members Meeting Speaker. Darren delivers the forecast every weekend morning. He has experience forecasting severe weather and chasing hurricanes. He has been recognized by the American Meteorological Society (AMS), and the National Weather Association (NWA).

Darren is an Associate Professor of Journalism at CCSU, volunteering his time at many events. This includes raising money and awareness for different types of cancer research. Darren also helps homeless animals find good homes.

Welcome Darren Sweeney!

28 February 2023

Olympia Diner \$15

Reservations: Contact Jim Salvatore at jimsal1@comcast.net



The Hartford Power Squadron Boat Show/ Swap Meet 22 April at the Westbrook Outlets, 314 Flat Rock PI Westbrook, CT

Secure your space today! Boats, Marine Accessories, or Craft items are GREAT to sell! Just go to our Website to GET YOUR SPACE NOW! (www.hartfordpowersquadron.org)

EATURING: BRANDON HYNER, Season 8 Champion of the History Channel's "Forged In Fire" He will be Demonstrating His Skill for Attendees



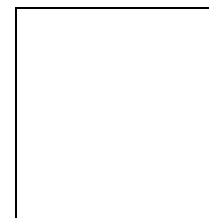
With all-day
Demonstrations
by
Brandon Hyner
History Channel
**FORGED
IN FIRE**
Season 8 Episode 39
Champion!



8 A.M. TO 3 P.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2023

WESTBROOK OUTLETS, 314 FLAT ROCK PL, WESTBROOK, CT 06498

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD



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January Members Meeting Featuring Trivia by Steve Petty



Members battle it out for the 'labels' category. Winners were the 'Fantastic Four', seen in top middle photo. A wonderful evening's entertain