

# *the Bilge Pump*

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16 April	Change of Watch, Portofino's Restaurant, Kensington, CT 4pm	
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# At the Helm

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Ahoy All,

Wouldn't you know it - the one storm of the winter fell on the day of our Member Meeting- on Weather with Meteorologist Darren Sweeney. We had to cancel the event. We will be rescheduling with Darren & get back to you as soon as a new date is set.

March is finally here, daylight savings time starts on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. By the end of the month the sun doesn't set until 7:15PM. Lot's more time to get our boats ready for the 2023 season!

I just returned from the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando Florida. The meeting was informative. Membership is still declining, approximately 7% in 2022. The Governing Board is working diligently to stop the decline & turn things around. USPS is financially on solid ground & this was bolstered by a \$500,000 donation from a member.

USPS along with its mission to promote safe boating through education is also working to preserve the environment. Preserving the Environment is of great concern to young people. Working along with the Sea Scouts, it's a great avenue to recruit new members. If anyone is interested in helping us develop our environmental efforts, and/or have a connection with a local Sea Scout group, please let me know.

We have a lot going on this spring, most importantly our Boat Show Swap Meet on April 22nd. If you have anything to sell, get your spaces early, they're going to sell fast. Even if you don't have anything to sell, you should plan to attend. This year "Forged in Fire" Season 8 Episode 39 champion Justin Hyner will be there doing live demonstrations of his Blacksmithing skills. We have food trucks lined up and will be doing the drawing for our "All Cash Raffle". It's going to be a great day to shop, see old acquaintances, and make friends.

Our Change of Watch Dinner is coming up on Sunday evening, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at Portofino's Restaurant in Kensington. We will be welcoming 2 new members to the Executive Committee: Susan Chenard as Assistant Secretary and David Pero as Assistant Education Officer. The festivities will begin at 4 PM. Check out the great menu choices and details in this edition of the Bilge Pump, and help us welcome all of our officers.

Our Spring Conference is on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> at the East Glastonbury Fish & Game Association. This is a District event; all members are invited. There will be an interesting presentation on "Diving the Wrecks" by Richard Simon. Come learn what is going on in other squadrons & help in planning District events.

You can find the agenda & details to register for the Spring Conference in the Spring edition of the Sounds of 1.

That's all for now, hope to see you soon at one of our events.

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:Argus06108@aol.com).

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**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jimsal1@comcast.net)**

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



## Call to the Annual Meeting

Secretary, Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN  
Cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net

The Annual Meeting of the Hartford Power Squadron will be held Tuesday, 28 March, 2023, at the Olympia Diner in Newington. The meal will begin at 18:30 and the meeting will begin at 19:30. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting. Elections will be held for the new Bridge, to take office at the “Change of Watch” meeting on Saturday, 16 April, 2023 at Portofino’s Restaurant in Kensington.

The report of the nomination committee is below. As a member, you can also nominate members to these positions by petition. To do this, please contact the Secretary 15 days prior to the Annual meeting (by 13 March, 2023). We will then make the petition nomination available to the members 7 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Please call the Secretary if you are interested in becoming active in your Squadron and participating in committees or learning more about the organization of the squadron.

## Hartford Power Squadron Report of the 2023–2024 Nominating Committee

<b>Bridge</b>	Commander: Cdr William J. Waseleski, P
Executive Officer:	Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP
Education Officer:	Lt/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P
Administrative Officer:	Lt/C James Salvatore, AP
Secretary:	Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
Treasurer:	Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN

### Bridge Assistants

Assistant Education Officer:	David E. Pero
Assistant Secretary:	Susan M. Chenard
Assistant Administrative Officer:	Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP

### Executive Committee Members at Large

Elaine L. Cleary P/Lt/C  
Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP P/C  
Michael J. Rinaldi, JN P/C  
Theodore J. Wurz, P

### Elected Committees

Nominating Chairman:	Lt Timothy Tyler, SN
Nominating:	Elaine L. Cleary
Nominating: P/Lt/C	Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP
Auditing Chairman:	P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P
Rules Chairman:	Lt Timothy Tyler, SN

# Change of Watch Dinner

This year's Change of Watch (COW) dinner is being held at Portofino's Restaurant 246 New Britain Road, Kensington, CT 06037.

If you are not familiar with the COW, it is an annual time-honored formal event preserved by a rich naval tradition heritage. The COW allows squadron members to witness the transfer of responsibility of bridge assignments and recognize both outgoing officers' and squadron members' accomplishments. Members elected at the Annual Members' Meeting held in March are also sworn in.

All squadron members are encouraged to attend this event to show appreciation to those who do so much to keep the squadron viable and to meet other members, make friends, and, most importantly, have an enjoyable time.

If you are only able to attend one event all year, this should be the one! The Change of Watch dinner is always memorable, so why not make your reservations now and join us at what is sure to be another fun-filled event.

## Event Details

- Time:** April 16, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Portofino's Restaurant 246 New Britain Road, Kensington, CT 06037  
**Menu:** A cash bar will be available. We have also arranged for a five-course dinner menu. Please see the complete menu on below.  
**Cost:** \$30 per person, including tax and tip. The squadron is subsidizing this meal to encourage more members to attend.  
**Dress:** Uniform A, with a bow tie, or equally suitable civilian attire.  
**Reservations:** Reservations are and must be made by 9 April, 2023. To make your reservations, please contact Jim Salvatore at [jimsal1@comcast.net](mailto:jimsal1@comcast.net) or 860-346-0680. *Entrée choice must be made when making your reservations.*



*Portofino's Restaurant  
Deluxe Sit Down Dinner Menu*

*Hors D'oeuvres  
Pizza Squares*

*Salad  
Tossed Garden Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing?*

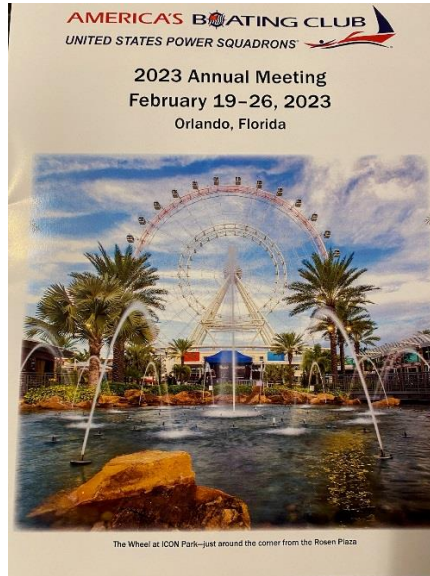
*Pasta  
Ziti*

*Entrées (Choice of 1)  
New York Strip Steak – Charbroiled to Your Liking  
Stuffed Sole  
Chicken Marsala*

*Dessert  
Ice Cream*

*Also Includes:  
Freshly Brewed Regular or Decaffeinated Coffee and Hot Tea*

# Annual Meeting at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, FL



(l to rt- upper) Cdr William J. Waseleski, AP; Program for Annual Meeting; Cdr William J. Waseleski, AP and P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P attend Annual Meeting.

(l to rt- lower) Sea Scouts “Brainstorming Meeting”; National Officers are introduced at the 1920’s Theme Party Annual Meeting Change of Watch.

Also attending from the Hartford Power Squadron (not shown): District Commander Arthur Andrea, AP; Lt Jeanne Waseleski; Maryann Douglas.



# The Hartford Power Squadron Boat Show/ Swap Meet

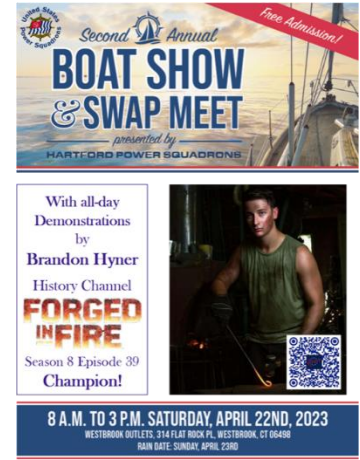
22 April at the Westbrook Outlets, 314 Flat Rock Pl  
Westbrook, CT

**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](http://www.hartfordpowersquadron.org))

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



**Join us to help staff the booth at the CT Fishing and Hunting Show at the Mohegan Sun and get in Free!**

The Hartford Squadron is sharing a booth with the USCG Auxiliary at this year's CT Fishing and Hunting Show at the Mohegan Sun and we need help with the staffing. For a few hours of help, you will get into the Show free of charge.

We will be passing out information on the U.S. Power Squadron as well as any material available for individual Squadron activities, courses, etc.



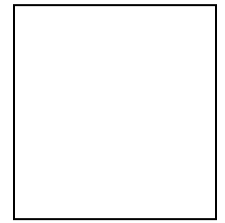
The schedule of slots we are looking for is:

Friday, 24 March	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
	4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, 25 March	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
	12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
	3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, 26 March	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
	12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
	3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Please contact Pat Pabouet at: [argus06108@aol.com](mailto:argus06108@aol.com) to confirm your choice.



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Friendly ducks swim in outdoor pool at the Rosen Plaza Hotel