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ANNUAL REPORTS & SUMMER ACTIVITIES

It Won't Be Long Now!

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14 July	Sail Race – Branford Yacht Club	
13 July – 15 July	Mini Cruise – Mystic Seaport 75 Greenmanville Ave, Mystic, CT 06355	
20 July	Fishing Derby – Waterford	
10 August – 12 August	Mini Cruise – U.S. Coast Guard Academy 31 Mohegan Ave Pkwy, New London, CT 06320	
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At the Helm

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When I was elected Commander, I knew I had two immediate tasks in front of me; to write my first “At the Helm” article and to prepare a Change of Watch speech. I wrote the article first and realized with a bit of tweaking I also had my speech. Well, the father became the son, and the son the father. For those of you who missed the Change of Watch, I’m including the speech, as requested, in its entirety.

“It has been said that the brain starts working the moment you are born, and never stops working until you stand up to speak in public. Keeping that in mind, I will be speaking from prepared notes.

I would like to thank all the friends I’ve made in the Power Squadron for the fellowship, encouragement, and examples they have given me that have led to my assuming this position. These people exist at all levels of the organization, National, District, and Squadron, but it has been those who I’ve associated with the closest, those in our own Squadron, to which I owe the greatest thanks. These hard-working individuals, who serve both on and off the Bridge, would be an inspiration to anyone. Some I have never met in person. Many are at every Squadron function and event and are with us tonight. All these individuals have one thing in common, their dedication to this organization, and through it, to the boating community. Rest assured, this organization would cease to exist without them.

While I’m giving thanks, I want to give recognition to the one person without whose support I would never have become Commander. That person is my longtime friend, confidant, and rock, my wife (and your Bilge Pump editor) Elaine. It is her encouragement and belief in me that has led to this moment. Thank you, Elaine.

So, just who have you elected Commander? I’m an avid boater that got his first boat in 1969. It was a 21’ wooden cabin cruiser with an outboard motor. I called her Neptune’s daughter. That boat taught me much about the pleasure of boating, the challenging work that goes into it, and yes, the sacrifice. Mahogany lumber and sheets of 4’ x 8’ mahogany veneer plywood came dearly to a high school kid working in a grocery store. In my opinion, there is nothing better on a warm summer’s night than to be lulled to sleep by the sound of water lapping against the sides of a wooden-hulled boat. I still miss that boat. Its sounds, its smells, all of it. Boat ownership at an early age can be a defining experience. No matter the size or type of boat, it teaches many things, not the least of which are personal responsibility and a love of the water.

1969 was also the year I became a Power Squadron member. Boating was different then. The now-defunct Loran-C was still a way off from being generally available, let alone reasonably affordable to the recreational boater. No chart plotters, MDFs, AIS, DSC, or GPS devices. Although radar was available to the recreational boater, it was not affordable for most. What you had was your wits, a paper chart, a desire to explore, and your Power Squadron education to get you safely from point A to point B. If you got caught in the fog, you had a bell and hopefully a lookout with good hearing. Education was not mandated by the government. In spite of that, or more probably because of it, our classes were always full and our ranks constantly expanding. People got educated because they wanted to and knew they were safer if they did. I still remember the Hartford Squadron Commander coming to my first basic boating class in Class A uniform. At 16 it was impressive and made me eager to embark on a journey that would have me join this proud organization if they would have me. You see, back then one had to be invited, and then voted in, to become a member.

The world has changed a lot since then. We find ourselves in a time when we are striving to redefine ourselves as an organization to survive. There is a new logo, uniforms are no longer in vogue, people find paper charts passé, and electronics are all the rage. Writer William Arthur Ward once said, “The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.” So, our organization is adjusting its sails. We are tailoring our educational programs and activities to attract today’s boaters. We’ve yet to identify them completely, but what we know so far is, like yesterday’s boaters they like to have fun, and have sufficient disposable income to do so. Unlike yesterday’s boaters, they have smaller boats and are generally aged from 40 to 55. We also need boaters that like to contribute to public service. While harder to find, we believe there are over 15 million of them out there just waiting to discover us. We are struggling to find our new identity in a constantly changing world, where technology rules. Technology which was supposed to make life easier and give us more leisure time has instead complicated our lives and made that time a precious commodity. For us to get someone to spend their time with us, we need to have something of



value to them to offer. Change is good, and I embrace it, but I believe we need to take the time to slow down, look at where we came from, and recognize the reasons why we got into boating in the first place. Hopefully, if we can identify those reasons, we can also share them with our group of today's boaters, and encourage them to join us.

Okay, so I'm a boater, no surprise there. I'm also a bit of a traditionalist. I love the history and the traditions of all things nautical, including the United States Power Squadrons. So, you'll see me flying flags on my boat, wearing my uniform at official events, and trying to get our members to slow down and safely enjoy their families and friends on their boats.

I hope to see you all on the water this summer. If you're down around Noank and Fishers Island Sound, look for Elaine and me on the White Swan. She'll be proudly flying both the USPS Ensign and the HPS Burgee. Most days we can be found at Spicer's Marina. Dock H (as Karen likes to call it, the Hospitality dock), slip 23. Please feel free to stop by. Elaine and I would love to spend time with you, and who knows, you might make some new friends.

You will also find us this summer at the District Mini Cruises at both Mystic Seaport in July and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in August. These are magnificent events for the entire family, both fun and educational. We hope to see you there.

Time will tell what I will bring to our organization. Whatever it is, as Commander I cannot do this alone. It is with your support and teamwork that our success will be measured. I look forward to working with you all.

It has been a delightful evening and I hope everyone has enjoyed themselves as much as I have. We've had a delicious meal, and as the evening comes to a close, I want you to know what an honor and privilege it is to have been chosen to serve as your commander. Have a wonderful summer, stay safe out there and remember...Life is short, Boats are Cool. Thank you, and good night."

Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN



2018-2019 Bridge Officers and Committees

Bridge

- Commander:** Cdr Timothy Tyler, SN
- Executive Officer:** Lt/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P
- Education Officer:** Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP
- Administrative Officer:** Lt/C James Salvatore, AP
- Secretary:** Lt/C William J. Waseleski, P
- Treasurer:** D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
- Immediate Past Commander:** P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN

Executive Committee Members at Large

- P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN
- P/Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP
- P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP
- Frank J. Ventrella, AP
- P/Lt/C Donald G. Watson, AP
- P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP

Elected Committees

- Nominating:** (Chairman 2015-2019) P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN*
(2017-2019) P/Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP
 - Auditing:** (Chairman 2017-2019) Lt/C William Waseleski, P
 - Rules:** (Chairman 2015-2019) P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr., AP*
- *Previously elected

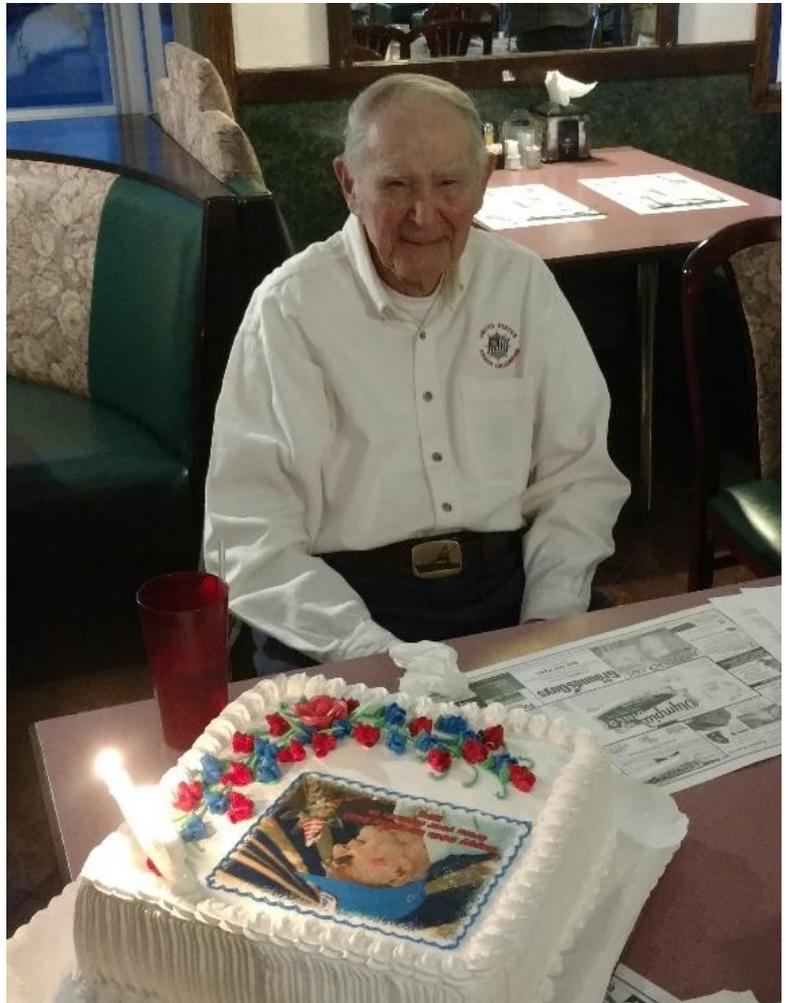
HPS Annual Meeting

Hartford Power Squadron held their Annual Meeting at the Olympia Diner on Tuesday, March 27th.

Cdr Pat Pabouet called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Annual reports were presented by bridge members and the reports are published in this issue of *the Bilge Pump*. Reports are also on file with the Secretary. The proposed budget for 2018-19 was presented by Treasurer, Cliff McKibbin, and was accepted by those in attendance. The report of the Audit Committee was presented by Chairman William Waseleski, P, and was also accepted by those in attendance.

Cdr Pabouet dismissed the bridge and all committee members and turned the meeting over to P/D/Lt/C Ken Weeks, Jr., AP, Chair of the Rules Committee. The Chair of the Nominating Committee, P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN, read a list of nominations. P/D/Lt/C Weeks asked if there were any other nominations submitted to the Secretary and there were none. He asked for any nominations from the floor for open positions and there were none. P/D/Lt/C Weeks, therefore, asked for a motion from the floor to accept the report of the nominating committee. The motion was made, seconded, and voted on in favor of the nominees. The new officers were installed at our Change of Watch on Sunday 8 April 2018. A list of the new Bridge can be found on page 3.

A birthday cake was presented to P/Lt/C Donald G. Watson, AP in celebration of his 96th birthday. For those of you who do not know Don, he is a Life Member and has been a member of USPS for 70 years. During that time, he has supported the organization in many ways and has earned 37 Merit marks while doing it. He currently serves the squadron as an Executive Committee Member at Large. Don is also a WWII veteran who served his country proudly as an Engineer in the U.S. Army 71st Infantry Division assigned to the Third Army under General George S. Patton. Happy Birthday Don!





Annual Reports

Hartford Power Squadron

Annual Report of the Commander

2017 - 2018

As Commander of the Hartford Power Squadron, I attended all District 1 meetings, led all Executive Committee meetings and ran all HPS meetings except for one. I want to thank our Bridge and the Executive Committee for their tireless dedication to HPS.

We had some very well attended member meetings this year. The guest speakers were top shelf thanks to Jim Salvatore, our Administrative Officer.

The Education Dept scheduled plenty of courses but too many were canceled for low/no participation. A lot of work goes into the organizing and scheduling of our courses; it's too bad that not many took advantage of them, Roy Bergeron will try again next year; take a course and make him happy.

Our Executive Officer ran the boat show, CoOp Charting, and the VSC program with help from all of us on the Bridge. Cliff McKibbin, our Treasurer, kept us from spending too much money and also served as Secretary.

I have been honored to be your Commander this past year. Thanks for all the work all of you put into HPS

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick A. Pabouet, P, Commander



Hartford Power Squadron

Annual Report of the Squadron Education Officer

2017 - 2018

Public Boating Course attendance was good, resulting in 6 new members. Almost as important to our membership growth was our policy of advertising our advanced courses to non-members.

I want to thank those who served the Education Department this past year: our ABC Chairman, P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P, and all of our instructors who are so dedicated to our educational mission. We gave 8 merit marks to our staff this year.

For 2017-18, we had the following course completions:

Course	Instructor	Passed	New Members
ABC Farmington-Spring	Jon Emerson	7	6
Marine Electrical	Roy Bergeron	3	0
Navigation	Stan Klein	1	0
Total all Courses		11	6

Respectfully submitted
Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP, Educational Officer



Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Executive Officer 2017 - 2018

This past year, I attended all but one Executive Committee meeting and all but one Members' meeting. I also attended all District Council meetings and District Conferences. The Executive Officer departments had a good year and achieved several goals.

Boat Show. The Hartford Power Squadron was again in attendance at the Hartford Boat Show. All members managing our booth felt the turnout this year was much better than last year. D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN reported that we handed out 95 ABC Brochures, 63 Piloting/Engine Maintenance brochures, and 141 of the combined District 1 and District 2 course schedules. It was suggested that we should have membership applications available as several people expressed interest in joining.

Boat Show Chairman Lt Frank Pascucci, AP reported that next year's boat show will be held at the new Mohegan Sun Exposition Center scheduled to be completed this summer. This is the largest expo space along the New York-Boston I-95 corridor. The Executive Committee is trying to determine how this change will affect us. We would like to continue the tradition of participating in the show, but are concerned that a destination so far from Hartford will adversely affect our ability to staff our booth. Over the past few years, we have found it increasingly harder to get members to volunteer, putting an unfair burden on those that do. If we cannot get members to participate, the long drive to the new venue may be the straw that breaks the camel's back. We are hoping that despite the greater distance, holding the show at the casino increases volunteerism.

The Bridge will continue to discuss the usefulness of attending and make a final decision later this year. Our intention is to put out an early call for volunteers. We will factor the response from our membership into our decision on whether to continue participating in the show.

Vessel Safety Check. Thanks to the efforts of our VSE Chairman Cdr Pat Pabouet, P, and our Vessel Examiners, the squadron gave 40 Safety Checks last year. Regrettably, this was down a bit from our previous year's achievement. We will try to increase our numbers in the upcoming boating season. VSE staffing levels remain the same with 4 Safety Examiners and one more pending completion of the initial required checks. If you would like to become an Examiner, please contact Pat.

Co-Op Charting. Co-Op Charting Chairman D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN reported that we had a very successful outing on 10 June to survey the aids to navigation (ATONs) on the Connecticut River. Participants included P/Lt/C Tom Berlandy, AP; Nancy Berlandy; Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP; Ken Letendre, AP; Cdr Pat Pabouet, P and P/Lt/C Don Watson, AP. No floating ATONs were found to be out of place, but several fixed ATONs were found to be obscured by foliage.

Cliff also reported that our report for the June CoOp Charting event, submitted to National, was rejected. He had made his report in August on the form that was on the National website at the time. It looks like after that time they adopted a new form which they now require. The new form is very complex and not practical for use as a reporting tool. The National Committee reported at the USPS National Meeting that NOAA was in the process of finalizing its new reporting system. It is hoped this will be in place for this year's reporting and the new form will no longer be necessary.

My sincerest thanks go out to all who participated in these programs and made them as successful as they were. Your contributions have made the waters of our state a safer place for all who use them. I know endeavors of this type represent a lot of work, but hopefully there was a bit of fun had too.

Respectfully submitted,
D/Lt/C Tim Tyler, SN, Executive Officer



Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Treasurer Fiscal Year Ended 28 February 2018

This year we continued all of the policies instituted in the last two years for the accounting and finances of the Hartford Power Squadron. Among these, we:

1. Continued to roll over our Fidelity CD ladder resulting in a steady increase in Interest Income.
2. Contributed to the National Education fund for the 19th year.
3. Prepared a draft budget for the Executive Committee at the January, and February meetings and submitted for approval to the Annual Meeting on 27 March 2018.
4. Paid our State of CT sales tax for manual sales in a timely manner.
5. Filed the CT Secretary of State Annual Report in a timely manner.
6. Filed the IRS 990-N for non-profits in a timely manner.
7. Met with our auditor, William J. Waseleski, P. His report is attached.

The results for this year would have been very close to breaking even except for the unfortunate loss of a return shipment of unused manual to National which was uninsured. The result was a net loss for the year of \$830.04 on income of \$4,197.79 and expenses of \$5,027.83.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee for its support of my efforts and thank Bill Waseleski for his efforts as our auditor. The end of year Financial Statement and Balance sheet have been submitted to the Executive Committee and are available to any member wanting to review them.

Respectfully Submitted

Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN, Treasurer

Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Audit Committee Fiscal Year Ended 28 February 2018

March 09, 2018

To the Members of the Hartford Power Squadron,

At the request of the Commander, the internal audit committee completed an internal audit of the financial statements and controls of the Hartford Power Squadron for the year ended February 28, 2018.

The audit concluded that receipts and expenditures were properly accounted for, cash accounts were properly reconciled, and that the financial statements reflect the results as presented. We also found that federal and state filings were up to date and that accounts with National are regularly balanced and accounted for.

We note that the Squadron operated at a small loss this year of \$830.04, due to the loss of manuals by the US Postal Service. Without that loss, the Squadron would have had a break-even year. The Squadron has since changed its policy & now purchases insurance on the return of manuals. We recommend that efforts continue to look for opportunities to continue on a break-even basis year to year.

The Treasurer, Cliff McKibbin, has done an outstanding job of handling and expanding the records since assuming office and should be commended.

It has been an honor to serve on the internal audit committee this year.

William Waseleski, P
Chairman, Audit Committee



Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Administrative Officer 2017 - 2018

During the 2017-18 year, we sponsored a number of member meetings and other activities for the Hartford Power Squadron. These included:

- 2 April The Hartford Power Squadron held its annual Change of Watch dinner at Casa Mia at the Hawthorne. We had a great turn out. Members were recognized for their achievements and the new Bridge was sworn in by District Commander Charles Marino.
- 29 April we had our 4th annual swap meet at Riverside Marina. Attendance was lower than anticipated due to the weather.
- 23 May Members meeting we had Captain Mike Roy, owner of Reel Cast Charters in Old Saybrook. Captain Mike gave a presentation on Striped Bass fishing using light tackle and let us in on a few fishing secrets.
- 10 June we did our Co-Op charting. Tom Berlandy and Roy Bergeron were generous enough to offer their boats for this service. The only findings were a number of NavAids obscured by foliage.
- 19 August we had our officer's meeting at Chester Point Marina.
- 26 September Member's Meeting presentation was on the reality of New England hurricanes by Glenn Fields from NOAA. Glenn is the Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Taunton, MA.
- 24 October George Gilbert gave a presentation about the highlights of his motorcycle trip through New Zealand with his brothers and a friend.
- 16 December our holiday party was held at Casa Mia at the Hawthorne.
- 13 January we had our first casino bus trip to the Mohegan Sun. The trip was great fun and, when you factor in your vouchers, it was free.
- 23 January Commander J. Andrew Ely from the United States Coast Guard gave a presentation on search and rescue operations and related procedures.
- 8 – 11 February we had our booth at the Hartford Boat Show. The boat show was busier than in past years. There definitely seems to be an uptick in interest.
- 27 February our presenter was Philip Gaudreau, the owner of All Point Marine Services. Philip gave a talk on marine surveying and answered questions from the audience.
- 27 March member's meeting we will elect new officers for the year and have a presentation on Fishing.
- 8 April our Change of Watch dinner is at the Manner Inn in Milldale.

I want to thank everyone involved with these activities for all their work.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C James Salvatore, AP, Admin Officer

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With millions of customers, Amazon is the leading e-retailer in the United States. If you buy from Amazon, here's your chance to help your squadron at no cost to you. Instead of shopping at <http://amazon.com>, do your shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com/>. You'll need to complete a one-time registration naming the Hartford Power Squadron as your charity of choice. From then on, 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases will be donated to our organization. The important thing to remember is to shop using the <http://smile.amazon.com/> address otherwise your purchases will not get credited.



The link you need for registration is <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-6055634>. Or scan the QR code to the right using your smartphone.



Hartford Power Squadron Annual Report of the Secretary 2016 - 2017

Staff

The staff for the year were:

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, Secretary

1st/Lt Elaine L. Cleary, editor, Bilge Pump

1st/Lt Paul Silversmith, AP membership director

1st/Lt Frank Pascucci, AP webmaster

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN historian

Membership

1st/Lt Paul Silversmith, AP did an excellent job maintaining and reporting on the squadron's membership list. The breakdown of our membership by grade is as follows:

Year	Members	S	P	AP	JN	N	SN
Oct, 2009	160	28	31	35	13	2	3
Oct, 2010	172	25	27	35	13	2	1
Oct, 2011	171	24	25	35	12	3	2
Oct, 2012	168	24	29	31	14	3	2
Feb, 2014	160	20	31	34	13	2	2
Feb, 2015	153	19	29	31	10	3	2
Feb, 2016	147	21	23	29	11	3	2
Feb, 2017	142	17	31	30	11	3	1
Feb, 2018	115	13	25	26	7	3	2

Bilge Pump

The Bilge Pump continued to be our primary means of communicating with our membership. Editor 1st/Lt Elaine Cleary published seven issues from March 2017 to February 2018. The Bilge Pump includes the schedule of upcoming activities, reports from department heads and articles of general interest. Elaine Cleary was once again honored for The Bilge Pump, receiving the "Distinctive Communicator Award" for 2017.

Squadron Web Site

We want to thank 1st/Lt Frank Pascucci, AP for maintaining our squadron website at www.hartfordpowersquadron.org. Frank was awarded the "Distinctive Communicator Award" for the website for 2017. The website includes up-to-date information on upcoming activities, classes, officers, and contacts.

Squadron History

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, completed the 2016-17 history in a timely manner and we have submitted 100% of our histories.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN, Secretary

It's Dues Season

By now you should have received your dues notice via email or "snail mail" and many of you have already sent in your payment. For those who are procrastinating, why not send it in now and cross it off your to-do list? That way you will continue to enjoy the benefits of membership in our 100-plus-year-old organization. In fact, there may be benefits you haven't discovered yet. Browse through the list of activities, partners, and discounts offered at <http://usps.org/index.php/memberbenefits2>.



Awards

The measure of an organization can be determined, in no small part, by the awards it receives. We are pleased to announce the following awards that have been made for individual accomplishment or outstanding service to the Squadron, District or National USPS.

National Awards

Awards for Excellence in Communication:

- Publication - *Sounds of 1* Editor: **D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN**
- Publication - *the Bilge Pump* Editor: **Elaine Cleary**
- Publication - *HPS Website* Webmaster: **P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP**

Contribution to the USPS Educational Fund

Contributing for the 19th year in a row.

Merit Marks

Every year merit marks are given by National to individuals who have contributed extraordinary time to the squadron, usually by holding an elective office, serving on a committee or teaching courses. Only one merit mark can be given to a person per year. Members achieving "Senior Member" (5 merit marks) are entitled to receive one free class of their choice. Members reaching 25 merit marks become "Life Members" and no longer must pay dues. The following members have been awarded merit marks for the calendar year 2017. We want to thank them for giving their time and effort to help our Squadron in so many ways.

Marty Abrams, Roy Bergeron, Thomas Berlandy, Elaine Cleary, Jonathan Emerson, Marvin Goldberg, Kenneth Letendre, Cliff McKibbin, Pat Pabouet, Frank Pascucci, Mike Rinaldi, Jim Salvatore, Paul Silversmith, Tim Tyler, Frank Ventrella, William Waseleski, Don Watson and Ken Weeks.

Educational Achievement

Educational Achievement is awarded to anyone completing all Advanced Grade Courses, which results in a grade of Navigator (N), and all Elective Courses. This is the highest educational recognition award given by USPS. A person with this award is known as a Senior Navigator and uses the printed grade designation of SN. In the past, a Senior Navigator was referred to as a "Full Certificate" and used the printed grade designation of N.

D/Lt/C Timothy Tyler, SN

District Awards

100% Histories Award

HPS received this award on a Squadron level for its exceptional record keeping efforts.

Historian: **D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN**

Change of Watch Held at the Manor Inn Restaurant

The Hartford Power Squadron held its annual Change of Watch on Sunday 8 April 2018 at the Manor Inn Restaurant in Southington. District Commander Charles Marino officiated in swearing in the new Bridge, welcoming Executive Committee members and presenting awards.

The evening started out with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an Invocation given by Cliff McKibbin, an Annual Memorial Service for those members we have lost over the past year, and a welcome from Commander Pat Pabouet.



After dinner, awards were presented by Commander Pabouet. Of special note was a new “Hartford Power Squadron Commander’s Award” given to Cliff McKibbin. This reward was created to recognize significant contributions to the squadron and will be presented annually. Congratulations Cliff, and a hearty Thank You from all of us. After the awards, District Commander Mario gave the District Commander’s Address and installed the 2018-2019 bridge officers.

Next was the Commander’s Address given by our new Commander Tim Tyler. Tim thanked all the friends he has made in all levels of the organization for the help and guidance he has received over the years that have led to him being elected to this position.

The evening ended with a Benediction given by Cliff McKibbin. All in all, it was a delightful evening with great food and wonderful company.



From left to right: D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN; Lt/C William J. Waseleski, P; Lt/C James Salvatore, AP; Lt/C Roy L. Bergeron, AP; Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN; Lt/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P



Bill & Jeanne Waseleski



Dave & Marissa Waseleski



Joan Blackwell & Ken Weeks



Ted & Marianne Wurz



Dave Pero & friend Susan



Karen & Frank Ventrella



Barbara, Elaine, Karen



Jim Salvatore & Barbara Pajak



Charles, Pat & Jim



Frank Pascucci & Don Watson



Mike Rinaldi & Roy Bergeron



Pat Pabouet & Tim Tyler



Pat Pabouet, Bill Waseleski



Pat Pabouet, Ken Weeks



Charles, Pat & Cliff



Pat Pabouet, Mike Rinaldi



Tim Tyler, Pat Pabouet



Cliff, Bill, Jim, Roy & Pat



Charles Marino, Tim Tyler

February Member's Meeting

The presenter at the February Member's Meeting was Philip A. Gaudreau, Jr. of Allpoint Marine Services, an accredited marine surveyor. Phil's business consists mainly of surveys done for recreational boaters. He does "pre-purchase" surveys, "damage" surveys, and "Insurance" surveys required by most insurers. He is accredited by several survey accreditation agencies. While these agencies are not approved by the USCG, membership in one or more of them is required by insurance companies. Hiring an accredited surveyor also serves to give customers confidence in knowing the surveyor has met requirements set forth by an accreditation agency.

Phil showed slides of some of the boats he has surveyed, some with extensive damage. He also showed pictures of what a lack of maintenance can do to a boat, especially engine rooms where rust and corrosion can take a toll on expensive machinery. Problems with aluminum parts (galvanic corrosion) were also discussed and Phil stressed the need to ensure sacrificial anodes are replaced regularly.

Should you need a surveyor, Phil charges \$25/ft (\$550 minimum) for the basic hull and engines, checking that the electronics work (but not a full analysis of each component), and a sea trial. He usually makes two visits; one on the hard, and a sea trial. He doesn't go up stepped masts but will check them with binoculars or if they have been lowered. Phil gives you an extensive report within 3-4 days and is happy to provide copies of typical reports before you contract with him. He is busy year-round, with winter being his "slow" season. Clients are scheduled first come, first serve, and there may be a wait in the busy time. He doesn't take calls while performing an actual survey but will generally return a call within a day. All in all, a very interesting presentation.

Co-Op Charting

We have scheduled our annual Co-Op Charting outing for 16 June. Boats will be leaving both the East Hartford Riverside Ramp and the Old Saybrook State Landing (under the bridge) at 0900, meeting at Haddam Meadows State Park for lunch and returning approximately at 1500. Members will check movable Aids to Navigation (ATON) positions and fixed ATON maintenance on the way and report discrepancies to the US Coast Guard. Our boat Captains for this year will be Roy Bergeron and Tom Berlandy.

If you've never done this before, it's a wonderful way to meet some of your fellow squadron members and get out on the water for the day. You get to experience the Connecticut River while someone else is piloting the boat. It is a wonderful way to get to know the river if you've never been on it before, or to get reacquainted if you've been away for a while. You also get a free lunch and the fuel tab is picked up by the squadron. What could be better than that? No experience necessary. The only requirement is an enjoyment of the water. If you're a mom or dad, come with your teenage daughter or son and spend some quality time showing them it can be fun to volunteer.

Seating this year is limited, so if you would like to participate in this fun activity, please contact Co-Op Charting Chairman Cliff McKibbin at 860-655-4623 or by email at cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net ASAP to discuss signing up. He would really love to hear from you.





We're Having A Really Big ~~Sail~~ Sale on HPS Flags and Apparel

Summer is almost upon us and we know you want to show the world you are a member of the largest recreational boating organization in the world, and of its best Squadron, Hartford. Flying both a USPS Ensign and a HPS Burgee is a great way to be recognized by other members and to both promote and support our organization. Wearing a HPS shirt or cap, especially when on your boat, is a conversation starter that can lead to new friends and help your squadron recruit new members.

Therefore, we're having a sale to help you help us. While we can't afford to give these items away for free (although we would love to), we can do the next best thing...items are sale priced at or near our cost. Many items have limited quantities, so please don't wait to order.

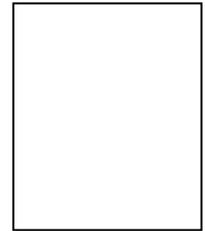
Please contact Cliff McKibbin for availability and sizing. Cliff can be reached by phone at 860-655-4623 or by email at cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net. Items can be picked up at our next member's meeting. If that is not convenient, we will work with you to make other suitable arrangements.

Item	Regular Price	Sale Price
HPS Burgees	\$25.00	\$15.00
USPS Ensigns	\$46.00	\$30.00
Beige Polo shirt (Woman's small)	\$35.00	\$15.00
Navy polo shirt (Medium)	\$35.00	\$15.00
Navy T-shirt (Large)	\$21.00	\$11.00
Blue HPS Caps – Old Style	\$17.50	\$ 8.00
HPS T-Shirts	\$22.00	\$11.00
White HPS polo	\$35.00	\$15.00
HPS gray sweat shirt	\$44.00	\$22.00
Navy polos - New Logo	\$35.00	\$20.00
Black HPS Caps - New Logo	\$17.50	\$12.00
White HPS Caps - New Logo	\$17.50	\$12.00
Chef Aprons (Black) - New Logo	\$37.00	\$17.00
Chef Caps (White) - New Logo	\$25.00	\$15.00



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May 22nd Members' Meeting Will Feature "Sea Grant College Programs"

The May 22nd Members' Meeting will feature a presentation on Sea Grant College Programs by Nancy Balcom. Nancy will provide us with an overview of the National Sea Grant College Program, funded by NOAA and its 34 state-based university partnerships in all coastal, Great Lakes and US territories. She will briefly explain the three-part mission of the Program. Nancy will explain the Connecticut Sea Grant Program which although focused largely on Long Island Sound, also addresses regional and national priorities. The Connecticut Sea Grant extension staff, who are the largest part of their outreach staff, work locally with shellfish and seaweed farmers, coastal communities, land trusts, and seafood processors on issues related to aquaculture, climate adaptation and coastal hazard resiliency, open space habitat management, and seafood safety (among other topics). Their Education Coordinator oversees professional development training for educators focused on the Sound and organizes the CT-RI regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl for high school students.

Nancy Balcom is the Associate Director and Extension Program Leader for Connecticut Sea Grant and a Senior Extension Educator with UConn Extension. Her extension interests range from seafood safety and marine spatial planning to seaweed aquaculture, disaster risk communication, and community resilience. She has been a member of the Sea Grant family for more than 33 years, starting in 1985 as a graduate student in Virginia, and has worked for Connecticut Sea Grant since 1990. Balcom has been a member of the Connecticut Seafood Council since its inception in 1997 and currently is in her 4th year as chair of the National Sea Grant Association Networks Advisory Council. She lives in eastern Connecticut with her husband, two sons and two enthusiastic Labrador Retrievers.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT

Cost: \$15 for dinner with a cash bar - or just come at 7:30 p.m. for the free presentation.

Reservations: Contact Jim Salvatore at jimsall@comcast.net or 860-346-0680.