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# At the Helm

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Ahoy All!

It's that time of year again... it's time to put our toys away & put together that shopping list (for more toys!). The Holidays are upon us.

Our District Holiday Party is coming up quickly, we moved it to a new time & venue so more of our fellow squadron members can join us. This year's Holiday Party will be at the Middletown Elks Club on Saturday evening Dec 9th, featuring Echoes of Sinatra with Steve Kazlauskas, an excellent dinner, and Yankee Swap Grab Bag. The new venue offers easy access for those coming from New Haven & Waterbury, a central location for all.

District1 is participating in the 2024 Hartford Boat Show again this year (Jan. 18th-21st). We are looking for volunteers to help staff the booth. If you are interested in signing up for a 3-4-hour time slot, or have any questions regarding the show, please contact me at [wwaseleski@gmail.com](mailto:wwaseleski@gmail.com) or our Secretary Cliff McKibbin at [cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net](mailto:cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net). Admission to the show is Free for all those who help staff our booth.

Our October member meeting at Kinsmen Brewery in Plantsville, CT went very well. District Commander Pat Pabouet taught us more about the Vessel Safety Check program. We had a brewery tour, and enjoyed the locally brewed beer, along with all the pizza we could eat. It is definitely a meeting venue we will visit again.

We are planning a night of fun with our annual Trivia Contest at our January 23, 2024 member meeting. This will also be a New Member meeting. Bring a guest/potential new member along & the first beer or glass of wine is on us! Mark your Calendar, details will be sent out soon.

The Hartford Power Squadron is in the process of establishing a 'Membership Committee'. We are searching for ideas for new, interesting, & fun programs for our members in 2024. We realize that many of our members no longer own boats, so we are looking for activities, boating related, that do not require the use of a boat. If you are interested in joining the committee or have any ideas or suggestions, please contact me or our new Asst. Secretary and Membership Committee member Susan Chenard ([susan.chenard@gmail.com](mailto:susan.chenard@gmail.com)).

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the District Holiday Party & wish you all a safe, healthy, & happy Holiday Season.

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP



## **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 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>., 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 Cdr Bill Waseleski at [commander@hartfordpowersquadron.com](mailto:commander@hartfordpowersquadron.com).



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We had a good turnout for our one-day ABC Class at the Bristol Public Library. Four students passed the test and are now able to get their Connecticut Certificate to operate a power boat.

We are beginning to plan for the winter/spring 2024 classes. At this point it looks like we will be able to have our usual ABC classes plus a Boat Handling Class (previously ‘Seamanship’) plus a Marine Navigation (previously ‘Piloting’) class. Please look at the January Bilge Pump for full details.

**Would you like to teach** one of our courses? If you have taken a course and would like to teach it, please contact Pat Pabouet.

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### Appointed Officers and Education Staff for 2023-24

Here are our appointed officers and education staff for this year. If you would be interested in helping out in any of these capacities, please contact the Commander. We can always use more help with our activities, from finding presentations for our monthly meetings to helping with the Swap Meet. Please get active if you aren't already.

Membership Ch.	Lt/C Pat Pabouet, P	Historian	Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN
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Boat Show Ch.	Lt Frank Pascucci, AP	Roster Ch.	Lt/C Cliff Mckibbin, SN
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Seminar Instructors	Lt/C Cliff McKibbin. SN Lt Frank Pascucci, AP

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

We are sorry to report that P/C Ken Weeks, Jr passed away on 29 September 2023.

Ken has been an important leader of the Hartford Power Squadron since joining in 1966. He worked tirelessly for the Squadron and District and earned 55 Merit Marks giving him the distinction of being a Member Emeritus of the National Governing Board.

Ken got involved early and worked up as Treasurer and then Executive Officer before becoming Commander in 1976-77.

Following that he took over the Editorship of the Bilge Pump and continued with that job for 9 years. Since then he was a fixture on the Executive Committee and chair of the Rules Committee and only retired from those jobs two years ago.

Ken also worked hard for the District, becoming the District Secretary in 1986 and in 1987 he became the founding editor of the *Sounds of 1*, the District Publication. He continued as editor for another 6 years.



Ken was 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.

*[Picture: Ken receives a certificate of appreciation from HPS Commander Pat Pabouet and District Commander Charles Marino at the HPS Change of Watch in April of 2017.]*

# THIMBLE ISLAND TOUR

Sponsored by the New Haven Squadron 07 October  
A great time on a very foggy day!



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## October Member Meeting was at Kinsmen Brewery in Milldale, CT

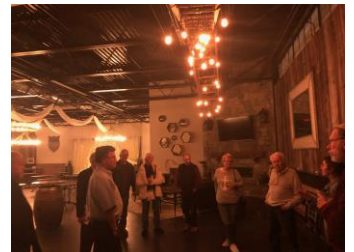
Squadron Members met at Kinsmen Brewery on 24 October for a fun filled night. They enjoyed a variety of beer and ‘all you can eat’ pizza.

The Kinsmen staff led us on a brewery tour which featured the equipment used to make all of their different beers. They also described the process of making the beer which takes about 2 weeks per batch. They showed us the room where they make ‘Husky Hops’, which we were assured the college students didn’t drink.

Wrapping up the night, Pat Pabouet, our Vessel Safety Chair, described the steps to become a Vessel Examiner and went over the boat equipment that is checked. Several members were interested in becoming Examiners and Pat is looking into a plan to give a class in the Winter. If you are interested, please contact Pat Pabouet. His email is on the Educations page.



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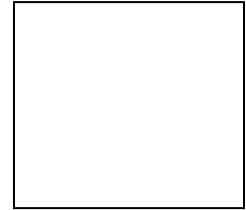
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**01 23 2024 HPS Member Meeting**

*By Popular Demand...Join us at the Olympia Diner for Trivia with Steve Petty Newington, CT Cost: \$20 for dinner with a cash bar at 6:30p.*

*Reservations: Contact Jim Salvatore at [jimsal1@comcast.net](mailto:jimsal1@comcast.net)*



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**DISTRICT HOLIDAY PARTY! What could be more entertaining than *Echoes of Sinatra with Steve Kazlauskas!* Join us for dinner and a Yankee Swap Grab Bag.**



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 YankeeSwap. 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