



United States Power Squadrons®

MINUTES OF FALL CONFERENCE

November 19, 2022

Branford Manor Firehouse, East Haven, CT



Call to Order: D/C Arthur Andrea, AP called the Fall Conference to order at 09100 at the Branford Manor Firehouse in East Haven, CT.

Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance was led by D/Lt/Ken Bell, Sr. AP

Invocation: was given by D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P Chaplain

Introduction of Past District Commanders in attendance: P/D/C Herb Greenbacker, SN introduced P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P; P/D/C George Gilbert JN; and P/D/C Charles Marino, P and P/D/C Arthur Andrea, AP.

Introduction of Head Table. D/C Arthur Andrea, AP introduced the head table.

Welcome to the Conference: D/C Arthur Andrea, AP welcomed everyone. It is good to see members in person for this conference.

Roll Call: Secretary D/Lt/C Linda Lewis, AP called the roll. Commanders or alternates were present from 6 of the 13 squadrons. Total members included: Hartford 3; Manchester 2; Meriden 3; Middletown 3; Milford 0; New Britain 6; New Haven 5; New London 0; Norwich 3; Saybrook 1; Springfield 3; Waterbury 2; Westerly 0. Six District bridge officers are present D/C Susan Darcy, JN District 2 was in attendance. Total number present 32. A quorum was declared.

Program: Lt/C Henry Mikucki, N Springfield Squadron introduced our guest speaker Dave McDougall who navigated the Great Loop with his wife Candace and their cat in their 42' Novatec powerboat. He spoke about all the preparations that needed to be taken care of before hand i.e. their mail, their house and vehicles etc. They were fortunate to have friends and neighbors who helped with this. They paid their bills electronically. They first did a mini practice loop to Montreal in 2018 which went well.

On July 7, 2021 they were on their way crossing their wake at the Statue of Liberty and on up the Hudson River. Dave was remarkable in remembering all the places, rivers, estuaries, and marinas that they navigated and/or stayed at. He noted that they were inundated with May flies in Paduka and in the Sanitation Canal the Asian carp, an invasive species were jumping in their boat. He said that in many of the marinas where they stayed there were courtesy cars available for them to do sightseeing. On the Mississippi River they encountered many barges and narrow channels. On their arrival at the Florida panhandle they had to wait for the best tide in order to get to Tarpon Springs which ended up being a night crossing in order to avoid the crab pots. They were meeting other "Loopers" all along the way and were able to spend time with their new friends in Marco Island and Key West. They are now headed up the IntraCoastal Waterway to St. Augustine, Charleston, Norfolk, Cape May, Atlantic City and finally crossed their wake at the Statue of Liberty. They were unable to go into Canada on this trip because of COVID. They did not have any medical issues but were able to help another looper who had a heart attack. Candace was able to secure some medications from her pharmacist for their trip.

During this adventure they did go aground a few times but fortunately it was only in mud with no damage. Dave noted all the tools he carried and that he did have to make some repairs from time to time. They had two refrigerators on board and were able to provision at most of the places where they stopped. He found it necessary to use Navionics and Aqua Maps for navigating. They traveled a total of 5,024 nautical miles. Fuel cost was \$21,000 with the most of that cost coming at they traveled up the east coast as fuel prices sky rocketed. He highly recommended using SKIPPER BOB as a resource and NEBO which is a tracking service app on your phone. More information can be seen on the website American Great Loop Cruisers Association and their facebook OBIEFUZZBUTT.

AWARDS:

50 Year Membership Plaque & Pin

Meriden John I. Conroy, AP

Manchester John B. Olsen, SN

Web Site & Publication Recognition 2021

Waterbury Pharos Beacon

Business Meeting: Action on the minutes of the 19 March 2022 Spring Conference. **There is a motion to approve the minutes as published. Seconded. Passed.**

Report of District Officers:

District Commander Arthur Andrea, AP

I hope everyone had a nice summer. It is always a sad time for me to take the boat out for the winter, but in five months we will start over again and put it back in the water.

I just returned from our National Governing Board meeting with some new announcements. The new ABC 3 course is out and ready to order. National reported that there were still 41 squadrons that did not take advantage of the 20 free ABC books. If your squadron is in that group, please check it out. They also passed several changes in the By-Laws to allow Districts and Squadrons to have fewer officers and committees. This is all part of their reorganization efforts.

I want to thank the New Haven and Milford Squadrons for hosting the June Council and June Rendezvous. I also want to thank the "Road Runners" for the music and thank everyone who came out to support District 1. I want to thank everyone for what you do for the United States Power Squadron, your District and your Squadron.

Additional Note: D/C Susan Darcy, JN District 2 noted that the ABC books that were free ended last December 2021.

Prior to going to the governing board I had asked each squadron to get their proxies to me. I only received 3 proxies. At the governing board the By-Laws are being changed for district commanders and squadron commanders.

I will be calling a meeting in January to discuss plans for the spring conference. I want to thank George Gilbert for the recertification class today. Every squadron needs to have at least one ABC class every year in order to keep their charter. Right now New Haven, Hartford, Waterbury and Springfield have had or have scheduled a Piloting class.

District Executive Officer D/Lt/C Pat Pabouet, P

Well, summer is over and looking forward to next year to return to the water. This past summer many activities started to make a comeback from COVID. Our District restarted doing vessel safety checks. Five squadrons participated in the program. I hope the other squadrons join us again to put D1 back in the running.

A couple of squadrons were involved in Co-Op charting. Hartford Squadron checked the whole CT River for Atons that were not on station and for hazards to navigation.

If any squadron needs help to get you started in any program of the Exec Dept, please let me know. It's fun and a great service to the boating community

I have stickers available for VSC inspections.

District Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Charles Marino, P

Welcome to the District 1 Fall Conference and the Branford Manor Firehouse, East Haven.

Let me begin by thanking Manchester Squadron, Past Commander and currently Executive Officer Joyce Bonney, S for her assistance with securing reservations for the Fall Pre-Conference Dinner at Eli's On The Hill.

I trust all had a fun summer. So far, we have had an interesting fall of unseasonably warm weather, but regrettably we will soon put away our summer attire, boats, and such and replace them with our winter wear and shovels. Not to be the pessimist, but rather the optimist the weather will soon change, and we shall once again return to our boats and love of the water, be it salt or fresh.

I have spoken with a few members during the summer and became aware that they have given up boating and have taken up RVing. I hope they find this new venture of travel and exploring exciting and wish them well.

When we go into our breakout sessions, I'll see if there is any interest in a three-day weekend at the USCG Academy, New London in 2023.

Our District Commander coordinated today's lunch, so I will leave the details to Art. Hope to see you all at Campagna's Restaurant in December. In the meantime, enjoy the Conference.

I would like to pursue looking into having a rendezvous at the US Coast Guard Academy in New London.

District Education Officer D/Lt/C George Gilbert, JN

District 1 did not have any nominations for the Charles Chapman Award for the last two years. If making excuses is appropriate I guess we can blame COVID. I know that there are worthy nominees in District 1. Let's set a goal to nominate some of our instructors for the 2023 Charles Chapman Award. As I mentioned last year ED-80 and ED-1 submissions must be done using the on-line forms. Paper submissions are no longer accepted. Squadrons should have certified teachers available to teach ABBC. We will be offering instructor re-certification at this Fall Conference. I have sent the lists to all District 1 SEO's so ple

ase take advantage. The revised 2018 Instructor Recertification Seminar focuses on new technologies and techniques for presenting to adult audiences. It is a fun and audience participative program designed to renew enthusiasm and enhance presentation skills. It covers the benefits and pitfalls of using Power-Point as an aid, as well as the value of manual aids. Any SEO is welcome to exhibit their squadron's teaching aids at our conference that can help complement understanding of the material in the USPS classes.

The America's Boating Course 3rd Edition (ABC3) 2022 printing is now available through [Educational Department Catalog](#). It is important to note that the ABC3 2018 printings remain fully usable, with updates, through 2024. The ABC3 student manual is brought up to 2022 standards through two downloadable products. New Labels compliant with International Standards are beginning to show on buoyancy aids, life jackets and flotation devices. Information about the new labels is in [this PowerPoint file](#) (1900KB) which will be included in the next ABC3 PPT update.

National also has an HQ800 Tutorial available for download. The HQ800 tutorial presentation made in Louisville has been posted to the ABC Downloadable Material page. Need HQ800 help? See the updated tutorial posted on the [Basic Public Education Committee downloads page](#), contact me, or [Contact Us](#).

Improved Boat Handling 2019 Instructors Kit. A PowerPoint slide presentation with recorded narration has been added to the Boat Handling 2019 Instructor's Kit (catalogue item 19-19-008) for use with each of the six sections or seminars. The 2019 Boat Handling Course and Seminar Series is now available. The new curriculum comprises a full six-part course and six seminars:

- Rules of the Road. A Practical Approach

- Confidence in Docking and Undocking, Slow-Speed Maneuvering

- Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway

- Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away

- Emergencies on Board: Preparation to Handle Common Problems

- Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know Since the Kit is now a very large file, it may require as much as 30 minutes or so to download, depending on the speed of your internet service.

- Please remember to download and save to your computer before accessing any of the individual files.

In early 2020 the Boat Handling Seminar Course replaced the Seamanship Course and all new requirements should order that material.

The new Merit Mark Program is now operational. Merit Marks can no longer be submitted using DB-2000. They can be entered directly for the USPS website under the tab Merit Marks. If anyone has any ideas for enhancing District 1's Educational efforts please talk to me.

At today's recertification class there were 11 students. The results will be submitted to National.

Secretary & Historian Report D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP

Congratulations to Waterbury Squadron and their historian Susan Mucciacciaro for their submission of 2020 and 2021 Histories to give them 100%. It is so much easier to keep up to date once you have achieved the 100% status.

I am constantly updating the District 1 Roster to bring each squadron's officers and committees up to date for the 2022-2023 year. As soon as you know of any changes in your squadron roster, emails, phone numbers and/or addresses, please let me know.

United States Power Squadrons District 1 Historian Report

Squadron	Histories Submitted during 2021-2022	Histories Owed	Status
Hartford	2021	None	100%
Manchester	2021	None	100%
Meriden	2021	None	100%
Middletown		2014-2020	
Milford		1995-2020	
New Britain	2021	None	100%
New Haven		1998-2020	
New London		2012-2020	
Norwich	2021	None	100%
Saybrook		2011-2020	
Springfield		1994-1999,2007,2011-2020	
Waterbury	2020-2021	None	100%
Westerly		1950-1962,1997,1999,2001-2020	
District 1	2020	None	100%

Please send your completed squadron history reports (H-701) to: District 1 Historian, D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP, 23 Nichols Lane, Waterford, CT 06385 or linleelew@charter.net or call me if you have questions. 860-908-3877 cell or 860-442-4740 Home.

Treasurer Report: D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN
See last page.

Reports of General & Standing Committees

Audit: No report

Nominating: No report

Rules No Report

Planning: No Report

Law No Report

Unfinished Business D/C Andrea noted that he and other D 1 bridge members scheduled a meeting with Milford Squadron members to discuss the current status of their squadron. Only one member showed up. They wish to disband. There are currently 16 members listed in Milford. These members would be welcome to join the New Haven Squadron. Their treasury will go to New Haven.

Also, the Westerly Squadron is defunct and would like to disband. They have 16 members. It has been made known that the state of Rhode Island will not let them teach the ABC class in their state. Their members could join the Norwich or New London Squadrons.

After much discussion **A motion is made to accept the Milford and Westerly Squadron charters to dissolve their organization. Members can transfer to other squadrons. Seconded. Passed.**

New Business: Confirm date and location of 2023 Spring Conference. Host New Britain Squadron. Date will be March 18, 2023. Location to be determined.

Consideration of other business to come before this meeting:

District 1 Holiday Party is December 4 at Campagna's Restaurant.

The Hartford Squadron's Boat Show & Swap Meet is scheduled for April 22 in Westbrook Outlets in Westbrook

The Boat Show at Mohegan Sun CMTA is scheduled for January 19-22. D/C Andrea will be meeting with CMTA December 1. It is unsure if D 1 will have a display.

D/C Andrea noted there would be no charge for the use of the firehouse facilities however we are responsible for paying for sanitizing the facility.

Waterbury Holiday Party is Dec 16 with a drawing for a Long Island Cruise

New Haven Holiday Party is Dec 13 at Allegra's

Benediction: Given by L/C Paul Bialecki, P Chaplain

Retire the Colors: Led by P/C Kenneth Bell, Sr. AP

Adjourned: 1510

Respectfully submitted,

D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP

Secretary

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS			Actual	Actual			
District 1 Financial Report (FY 2022-2023)		2022-23	03/01/22	09/01/22	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Dated: 31 Oct. 2022	Code	Budget	08/31/22	02/28/23	YTD	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
OPERATIONS SUMMARY vs. BUDGET							
Dues Income	101	1,500.00	1,100.00	140.00	1,240.00	1,542.50	1,652.50
Interest Income	102	200.00	117.16	28.41	145.57	262.00	255.22
Grant Income	104	.00				.00	.00
Ships Store	105	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Exec Dept/VSC Income	110	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Educ Dept Income	114	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Admin Dept Income	118	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Donations	119	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	56.00
Conference Ticket Income	140	1,700.00	728.00	.00	728.00	840.00	.00
Conference Raffle Income	141	300.00	193.00	.00	193.00	250.00	.00
	145						
June Rendezvous Ticket Income	150	275.00	215.00	.00	215.00	260.00	.00
June Rendezvous Raffle Income	151	100.00	105.00	.00	105.00	77.00	.00
	155						
Holiday Party Ticket Income	160	1,200.00	.00	.00	.00	1,200.00	.00
Holiday Raffle Income	161	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	165	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Other Activity Income	170	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Miscellaneous Income	190	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL INCOME		5,275.00	2,458.16	168.41	2,626.57	4,431.50	1,963.72
EXPENSE							
Cdr Expense	200	200.00	.00	.00	.00	200.00	.00
National Meeting Hospitality	202	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Awards Expense	205	100.00	75.19	.00	75.19	.00	.00
National Rep Expense	206	200.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Exec Dept Expense	210	150.00	.00	.00	.00	135.12	.00
VSC Expense	211	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Squadron Advertising	212	.00	500.00	.00	500.00	-100.00	450.00
Educ Dept Expense	214	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Admin Dept Expense	218	60.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Sec Dept Expense	220	100.00	33.15	.00	33.15	.00	.00
Sounds of 1-Printing Expense	221	175.00	36.48	27.18	63.66	38.40	170.89
Sounds of 1-Postage Expense	222	150.00	84.01	63.60	147.61	143.36	314.05
Treas Dept Expense	230	.00	.00	.00	.00	11.00	11.00
Bank Fee/Checks Expense	231	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Sec of State Expense	232	50.00	50.00	.00	50.00	50.00	70.00
	235						
Conf Meal Expense	240	1,440.00	1,114.99	.00	1,114.99	137.67	.00
Conf Facility Fee Expense	242	350.00	.00	.00	.00	350.00	.00
Conf pre/post Dinner Expense	243	.00	90.68	.00	90.68	.00	.00
Conf Squadron Expense	245	300.00	.00	.00	.00	214.61	.00
	247						
June Rendezvous Meal Expense	250	300.00	529.84	.00	529.84	309.76	.00
June Rendezvous Facility Fees	251	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	255						
Holiday Party Meal Expense	260	1,400.00	.00	.00	.00	1,400.40	.00
Holiday Party Other Expense	261	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Other Activity Expense	270	300.00	316.97	.00	316.97	300.00	.00
Miscellaneous Expense	290	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		5,275.00	2,831.31	90.78	2,922.09	3,190.32	1,015.94
NET INCOME		.00	-373.15	77.63	-295.52	1,241.18	947.78
STATEMENT of	Previous		PrePd Exp	PrePaid	Net		
FINANCIAL CONDITION	Balance	Transfers	Prior Year	Expense	Income		Balance
Checking Account	7,026.50				-441.09		6,585.41
Certificates of Deposit	18359.09				145.57		18,504.66
Accounts Receivable	0				450.00		450.00
TOTAL ASSETS	25385.59	.00	.00	.00	154.48		25,540.07