



Spring

2013

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Fall Activities kept us busy



Chief Commander John Alter spoke at the fall conference in November.

District Executive Officer George Gilbert and Carol Gilbert enjoyed the Holiday party.



From the Helm: D/C Herb "Bud" Greenbacker, SN

The Annual Meeting was both interesting and informative. The biggest news is that all of our courses will be available, on line, to everyone. The cost will vary depending on if you are a member or not. Each squadron will get some of the collected money. They did not say what percentage will be returned, or exactly which squadrons will benefit. We assume the closest squadrons, similar to the way cyber members are handled. I'm not sure if this is good or bad. Its true many younger people want online courses, and the more people we reach the better. If they don't get it from us, they will get them from others. This does not mean we will stop teaching. Each squadron will continue their teaching schedule as in the past. There is no question that in-class courses are better. These courses will be marketed by Boat US.

If you haven't checked member benefits lately, you should. National continues to add benefits. Some of the newest are discounts on purchasing Ford auto's, Garmin products, & Discounts at Staples. Please promote these and all benefits to our prospective new members.

As this is my last report to you as District Commander, I must tell you that my six years on the D-1 Bridge have been very enjoyable. I have met a great number of people that I would not have met had I not had the chance to serve you. To all of you that continue to resist serving as an officer, either District or local, I urge you to consider taking a position. It is very rewarding! Yes, there is work to do and it takes some time. We all have the same number of hours per day. How we use these hours is where we make choices. So choose to help. If no one will serve as an officer, we will see the end of our organization.

Fair Winds and Following Seas
Commander Bud

Executive Officer-D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, AP

The Change of Watch's in District 1 have begun with the New Haven squadron providing the kickoff. The New Haven squadron will have an exciting next few years seeing as they are the only squadron in USPS that can claim 100 year status. In 2014 I would like to have good attendance from District 1 and the New Haven squadron at the National Meeting in Jacksonville, FL in order to honor the New Haven squadron. Please save your money so you can attend this meeting.

Public Relations- Karen Grava mentions that posters are available to be distributed to boat yards, electronic dealers, and anyone who is associated with the marine industry. We invite all of our membership to distribute these posters to any locations associated with boating interests. Please contact me or Karen and I will provide you with all the posters you can distribute. Cliff McKibbin put together a list of the courses being offered throughout District 1 and 2 and we handed out 350 copies at the Hartford Boat Show. Anyone interested in this list please contact me and I will send you a copy.

Co-operative Charting- I would really like every squadron to participate in this activity this summer. It is a great way to get a group of members out on the water, check some nav aids, have a picnic and do some good. Hartford Squadron says they always have a lot of fun doing it. Please contact D1 Co-Op Charting Chairman Roger Breunig and get your squadron going.

Safety- Safety is goal #1 for USPS. The existence of USPS hinges around Safe Boating through education. National has many posters, bulletins and safety literature available for distribution. I encourage squadron safety officers to circulate the available material at boat shows, Safe Boating Week, squadron meetings, etc.

Vessel Safety Checks- Our VSC Chairman, P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P states that since we don't do any VSCs this time of year, this is the time to get our VSEs (Vessel Safety Examiners) trained. Pat is willing to schedule a VSE course for individuals or squadrons. Please contact him at Argus06108@aol.com to schedule a course.

District 1 still has an opening for a Membership Chairman. We are looking for one excellent volunteer to fill this position.
I thank all member volunteers of District 1 for your dedication to District 1, Boating Safety and Boating Education.

CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2013 SPRING CONFERENCE

DATE: Saturday, 23 March, 2013
HOST: Past District Commanders
TIME: 0900
PLACE: Manchester Country Club, Manchester, CT (see directions on page 4)
DRESS: Uniform F or other appropriate attire

Schedule:

0730 Commander's Breakfast D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, AP
0800 Registration. Ships Store, Coffee, Raffle Tickets, Insignia Swap. Bring your "no longer needed" insignia, flags, uniforms, etc. and give them to the "swap". Need something! It's free.
0900 **Call to Order:** D/C Herb "Bud" Greenbacker, SN
Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance D/Lt Ken Bell, Sr., AP
Invocation: D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P, Chaplain
Introduction of Past District Commanders in attendance P/D/C Elaine L. Williams, AP
Introductions of Guests and Head Table D/C Herb "Bud" Greenbacker, SN
Welcome to Conference P/D/C Elaine L. Williams, AP
Conference Roll Call: D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
0915 **Message** from the Chief Commander R/C Wm Lee Popham, AP
0945 **Departmental Workshops (for Officers indicated, and others interested)**
Instructor Recertification class P/Stf/C Leslie W. Williams, JN
Mates Program TBA
1200 **Attitude Adjustment**
1230 **Luncheon**--See page 4 for menu and reservations.
* Awards presentation by D/C Bud Greenbacker, SN and R/C Wm Lee Popham, AP
* Raffle-Nautical Plus-Donations to the raffle are welcome
1400 **Departmental Workshops (for Officers indicated, and others interested)**
Summer Activities D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP
Effective Nominating Committees R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
R/C Darcy is chair of the National Leadership Development Committee
1500 **Reconvene the Conference** – Business Meeting
Action on the Minutes of the 17 November, 2012 Fall Conference
Reports of the District Officers
District Commander Bud Greenbacker, SN
Executive Officer D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, AP
Educational Officer D/Lt/C M. Ellen Barbour, SN
Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP
Secretary D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
Treasurer D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
Reports of the General and Standing Committees:
Audit P/D/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P
Nominating P/C Stanley L. Klein, SN
Rules P/R/C Robert D. Bair, AP
Planning P/C Alison A. Varian, P
Law P/C Anthony Salzarulo, JN
Unfinished Business

New Business

Nominating Committee Report	P/C Stanley L. Klein, SN
Election of Officers and Committee Members	R/C Wm Lee Popham, AP
Change of Watch	R/C Wm Lee Popham, AP
Confirm the date and location for the 2013 Fall Conference, Host: Manchester	
Consideration of any other business that should come before this meeting	
1630 Benediction	Chaplain D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P
Adjournment	

By Order of the District Commander:
Herb "Bud" Greenbacker, SN

Directions to the Manchester Country Club

From Hartford take I-84 east to junction with I-384.
Take I-384 east to exit 3.
Take a left at the exit onto S. Main St. going South.
The country club is at 305 S. Main Street on the left.



District Spring Conference Luncheon

The buffet menu will be pasta, chicken, pork w/stuffing, potato, veggie, dessert and coffee, all this for **\$26.00 per person**. The cash bar will be open for the "Attitude Adjustment" and lunch.

Send your check for \$26.00 per person made out to "USPS D-1" by 20 March to:
P/V/C Richard E. Kyle, SN, 5 Beechwood Lane, Old Lyme, CT 06371-2003

Pre-Conference Dinner

6:00 pm Friday, March 22, 2013
Hartford Road Café, 378 Hartford Road
Manchester, Ct 860-646-1044

Post-Conference Dinner

5:00 pm Saturday, March 23, 2013
Rocco's Pizza & Grill, 55 E Center Street
Manchester, CT 860-645-7777

Please come and join us at these dinners. They are not for District Officers only. They are for all members and a great way to meet people from other squadrons as well as your Chief Commander's representative. Please contact Art Andrea for reservations by 20 March, 2013, 203-468-1210 or 203-641-0954 trescooch@sbcglobal.net.



We had a very nice turnout for the fall conference at Pattaconk YC in Chester. Chef Lt/C Jim Monroe, P of the Hartford Squadron entertained the Mates with some fine recipes and cooking tricks when on your boat.



DISTRICT 1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Report of the District 1 Nominating Committee For the 2013-2014 one-year term

Commander	George M. Gilbert, AP	Middletown
Exec. Officer	Arthur Andrea, AP	New Haven
Educ. Officer	Open	
Admin. Officer	Charles L. Marino, P	Waterbury
Secretary	Linda L. Lewis, AP	Norwich
Treasurer	Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	Hartford
Asst. Ed. Officer	Fred J. Schilke, AP	Manchester
Asst. Secretary	Kim Boswell	New London
Asst. Treasurer	Richard C. Carlson, JN	Hartford
Asst. Admin.	Open	

Rules Committee

2011-2014	Ralph L. Borriello, AP	Meriden
2012-2015	John R. Robinson, AP	Saybrook
2013-2016	Patrick Pabouet, P	Hartford

Audit Committee

2011-2014	Robert E. Borden, P	Middletown
2012-2015	Christine Casarella, AP	Meriden
2013-2016	Elaine L. Williams, AP	Saybrook

Planning Committee

2011-2014	William R. Bonney, AP	Manchester
2011-2014	George D. Gwizd, JN	Hartford
2012-2015	Eugene J. Sullivan, JN	Middletown
2012-2015	Leslie W. Williams, Jr., JN	Saybrook
2013-2016	Sandra W. Pierog, SN	Manchester
2013-2016	Open	

Nominating Committee

2011-2014	John R. Nason, SN	Springfield
2012-2015	George D. Gwizd, JN	Hartford
2013-2016	Herb 'Bud' Greenbacker, SN	Meriden

The Nominating Committee

P/D/Lt/C Stanley L. Klein, SN, Chair

P/D/C John R. Nason, SN

P/D/Lt/C George D. Gwizd, JN

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Summer Is Almost Here

These summer activities will be described in more detail in the Summer Sounds of 1, but in the meantime please put them on your calendar and make reservations as detailed below.

21-23 June D-1 June Rendezvous-

Saybrook Point Marina.

Note: we went to Saybrook Point Marina last year and it worked out very well. Map and directions will be in the Summer Sounds of 1.

Reserve your slips ASAP at 860-395-3080 so we can all be together. Remind them that you are with USPS D-1. Activities on Saturday will begin at 1000 and will include a flare demo, fire demo, knot demo and poster contest. Lunch will be a light "snack" at 1200 followed by the D-1 Council at 1300. The blessing of the fleet will be at 1430, a commander's cocktail hour at 1500 and dinner at 1600.



Bring your old flares to test or use ours.

22 June D-1 Council, Town of Saybrook Pavilion at the North entrance of the Saybrook Point Marina.

30 June D-1 Fishing Derby, Mark your calendar and join Norwich Power Squadron for their fishing derby & awards picnic. Contact P/C Gene Lewis @ 860-423-3341 or eugenelew@charter.net for more details.

13 July D-1 Sail Race, Branford Yacht Club, Branford, CT. This is an official function of the ECSA, Eastern CT Sailing Association. You can sail in this race at a reduced rate even if you are not a member.

9-11 August D-1 Mini Cruise, Pilot's Point Marina, Westbrook, CT. Make your reservations for the North yard at 860-339-1800 ASAP so we can all be together. Mention that you are with the USPS D-1.

21 September D-1 Poker Run, Hamburg Cove Yacht Club



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USPS 101-District Organization

Your squadron is part of District 1 of the United States Power Squadrons. The squadrons in our district are: Hartford, Manchester, Meriden, Middletown, Milford, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Norwich, Saybrook, Springfield, Waterbury, and Westerly.

Some may wonder why Boston or New York were not in the original "District 1" as they were both instrumental in the founding of the USPS. It turns out that there was no district organization until one of the founders of the Hartford Squadron, Wesley Morse, N served as Chief Commander of the US Power Squadron in 1937-38. When it came time to create the district structure, he apparently put us into District 1. Now that we are approaching the 100th anniversary of the founding of the USPS, it is especially appropriate that we are District 1 as the only squadron in continuous operation for 100 years is our own New Haven Squadron.

The district officers, district committee chair persons, and squadron officers meet in three "council" meetings and two "conferences" each year. All of our squadron members are welcome to attend and we publicize the meetings in the *Sounds of 1* and on "Sail Angle". If you would like to help out in the district organization please contact your own Squadron Commander or any of the District Officers listed on the last page of the *Sounds of 1*.