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Your 2014-2015 District 1 Bridge



Back row L. to R: Chief Commander Robert Baldrige, SN; District Commander George Gilbert, AP; Exec Officer Art Andrea, AP; Education Officer Tony Salzarulo, JN; Secretary Linda Lewis, AP; Treasurer Cliff McKibbin, SN; Asst. Secretary Kim Boswell, S; Asst. Education Officer Joyce Alonge, JN; Asst. Admin Officer Charles Greenbacker, JN
Front row: Admin Officer Charles Marino, P
Not shown: Asst. Treasurer Dick Carlson, SN

From the Helm: D/C George M. Gilbert, AP

All squadrons in District 1 have had their Change of Watches. I am very privileged to be working with such a fine group of people who are all dedicated to making boating safer. I sincerely appreciate the warm welcome, hospitality, and generosity every squadron bestowed on Art and me while we were presiding over their squadron COW ceremonies.

Summer is finally here! We finally broke the chains of a long cold winter. Summer comes with weather that allows us to pursue certain passions we cannot take pleasure in during the winter months. The journey of time allows this to occur year after year. Each year we get a chance to perfect and hone skills that we know will be occurring soon due to the repetitious intervals that occur over the passage of time. Through your experience you can take these skills and pass them on to others so they to can benefit through knowledge and continual improvement.

With summer approaching it is time to start planning for the District 1 Rendezvous at Pequonnock Yacht Club in New Haven. This event dovetails with the New Haven Squadron's 100th Anniversary that will be an event to tell your great grandchildren about. In 1914 Roger Upton and some like-minded friends came together at the New York Yacht Club to form the United States Power Squadrons in order to "promote high standards of navigation and stewardship." This mission to make the water a better place through civic service, education, and fellowship on the water continues on today. Congress enacted United States Power Squadrons in 1914 and the New Haven Squadron has been getting it done ever since. Let's support New Haven and participate in the planned events Commander Donna Ferrucci and her dedicated squadron members have been organizing. I hope to see a good turnout at all them. Details are following in this edition of "Sounds of I".

District 1 has a full boat of activities this summer that are in this issue of "Sounds of I". I want to thank everyone for the contributions you are making in keeping with the mission of USPS by supporting your local squadron and District 1. Together we can create a culture of boating safety created through continual education. I want everyone in District 1 to reflect on the importance of YOU, passing on your knowledge to others. Every member of USPS can be a mentor to new boaters. This knowledge creates an important message to our boating community. One that is a lot safer through your efforts.

The USPS 100 year celebration will continue this year through the Governing Board in D.C. and on to Jacksonville in 2015. The Fall Governing Board will be held 10-14 September at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA.

Meet the New Members of your District Bridge

Ed: As this is the 2nd year of a typical Bridge cycle, we only have a few new members of the Bridge.

Asst. Education Officer, Joyce Alonge, JN of the Springfield Squadron.

Joyce became an avid boater and a member of the Springfield Power Squadron after taking the basic boating course in 2009. Since there are so many great educational opportunities in the USPS Joyce continues a lifelong learning pursuit and will complete the Navigation course this year (weather permitting of course). Currently she serves as Squadron Educational Officer for Springfield. During the boating season she can be found either exploring Long Island Sound with her wife of many years, Linda G. Levister, JN, aboard their Four Winns cruiser or enjoying a leisurely afternoon in their old restored runabout on the Connecticut River in Hampshire County, MA.

Asst. Admin Officer, Charles F. Greenbacker, JN, of the Norwich Squadron.

Charlie finally returned to boating after 29 years in 2011. He and Linda enjoy cruising Long Island and Block Island Sounds in their Silverton 37 Convertible.

Charlie joined the Norwich Squadron in 2007, serving as Flag Officer, Executive Officer, and Commander. Currently, he serves as Education Officer. He has taken Squadron courses up to Navigation and Weather and has taught Seamanship and Piloting.

He looks forward to serving on the District Bridge as Asst. Admin Officer.

**Join us for the 2014 June Rendezvous and Council
and the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the
Founding of the New Haven Power Squadron**

DISTRICT 1 RENDEZVOUS

Pequonnock Yacht Club

98 S. Water Street, New Haven , CT 06519

Phone: 203-773-9460, E-Mail: pequonnock@yahoo.com

Friday 20 June–Sunday 22 June

Hosted by New Haven Squadron



Saturday, 21 June

0700 – Breakfast on your own for the boaters.

1000 -- Children’s activities; poster contest.

Children can start a poster anytime during the day.

1000 -- Flare Demo, Fire Extinguisher Demo.

1200 -- Light lunch hosted by New Haven Squadron.

1245 -- Blessing of the Fleet.

1300 -- **D/I Council Meeting** hosted by New Haven Squadron.

1430 -- Raffle

1500 -- Poster Contest Judging/ District Commander’s cocktail hour.

All Day -- A Coast Guard Vessel from Homeland Security will be present for information and display. Vessel Examiners will be available throughout the day both Saturday and Sunday to perform Vessel Safety Checks.

Friday and Saturday Dinners: See page 4 for the dinner plans with the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the New Haven Squadron.

Sunday Breakfast: A great brunch is available in the Sage Restaurant.

Slips or moorings: Click this link: <http://www.uspsdistrict1.org/soundsof1/PYCSlipForm.pdf> , fill out the form, and send it to Donna Ferrucci as indicated on the bottom of the form. The price is \$3.00/foot and reciprocal privilege gets first night free. Dinghy dock, head and showers are available.

Hotel: We have room blocks under The New Haven Power Squadron at the Omni Hotel in the heart of downtown New Haven at 155 Temple Street, New Haven, CT, walking distance to the Union League Cafe, for \$179.00 per night, call (203) 772-6664, or 1 (877) 436-3974 or visit their website at www.omnihotels.com/NewHaven and also at LaQuinta Motel at 00 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT, for \$109.25 per night, (203) 562-1111 <http://www.laquintanewhaven.com/> .

Directions to Pequonnock Yacht Club

From New York, Bridgeport - Interstate 95 North Exit 44, Kimberly Avenue, (exit ramp splits). Bear to the right at the end of the exit ramp. At the first stop light, turn right onto the Boulevard. Follow around to stop light at Howard Avenue. Take a right onto Howard Avenue. Follow Howard Avenue to the end, turn right and immediate left into driveway of PYC and Sage American Grill.

From New Haven, New London - Interstate 95 South Exit 45, the Boulevard, bear left (exit ramp splits) off the exit ramp coming to a stop sign. Take a left onto the Boulevard. Follow to the next stop sign (.3 of a mile) and turn Right onto Howard Avenue. At the end of Howard Avenue. turn right and immediate left into driveway of PYC and Sage American Grill.

From Hartford - Interstate 91 South Follow I-91 South to I-95 South (towards NYC). Follow I-95 South directions above.

From Route 34 Follow route 34 Eastbound until you reach Ella T. Grasso Boulevard. Take a Right onto the Boulevard. Follow to Howard Avenue. Take a right onto Howard Avenue. Follow Howard to the end turn right and immediate left into driveway of PYC and Sage American Grill.

Sailing to 100 – New Haven Power Squadron Centennial Celebration

Friday evening, 20 June, we will have dinner beginning at 1900 hours at the site of the creation of the District Examining Board, the Union League Café, which today is an upscale restaurant featuring French cuisine. There we will enjoy a full course price fixed dinner, including dessert and wine, tax and gratuity for \$80 per person. To entertain our guests, we are putting together a reenactment of the examining board discussion... at least our version of what may have taken place. Dress: USPS Blazer with tie and gray slacks or period attire (think Downton Abbey).

Directions to the Union League Café 1032 Chapel St., New Haven, 203-562-4299

From I-91 South: Take exit 3 onto Trumbull St., Turn left onto Temple St., pass Chapel St., Turn right onto Crown St.

From I-95 North or South: Take exit 47 onto CT-34 west, take exit 1 right onto N. Frontage Rd., Turn right onto Church St., Turn left onto Crown St.

Parking: Go to 255 Crown St. (\$8 fee). Take alley through the back to Chapel St. and the Union League Café.

Saturday, 21 June. We will have a four hour dinner cruise aboard the vessel *Mystique*, of the Lady Katherine Cruise Line. We will depart from the Long Wharf dock in New Haven Harbor at 1900 hours to a full course meal with Branford Harbor as our destination to watch the town's Fourth of July fireworks in high class style. The *Mystique* is a 120' multi-level cruise ship with an air conditioned fine wood and white linen interior and an open upper deck for unparalleled viewing. All for \$90 per person. Dress: Class "A" uniform with bow tie, black tie, or appropriate business attire.

Directions to Long Wharf Pier (398 Long Wharf Dr.)

From I-95 South: Take exit 46, Turn left onto Sargent Drive. Turn Left onto Long Wharf Drive. Long Wharf Pier will be

From I-95 North: Take exit 46. Turn left onto Long Wharf Drive. Long Wharf Pier will be on your right.

From Pequonnock Yacht Club: Take a right out of the parking lot and turn left on Howard Ave. Turn right onto 5th St. (becomes Sargent Dr.), Turn right onto Long Wharf Dr. and continue to #398. You should be able to see the *Mystique*.

Note: those arriving on boats will be provided transportation to both the Union League and Long Wharf as needed.



Anyone wishing to attend both events will get a \$20 discount... that's \$150 per person for both, if paid by June 1, 2014. We do encourage people to book early, as seating is limited at each function. Please contact Commander Donna Ferrucci at d.ferrucci@snet.net, phone is 203-469-1772 or P/C Richard Hackley at hack1963@yahoo.com, 203-315-0135, for more information. Checks payable to NHPS may be mailed to Donna Ferrucci, 128 Morris Avenue, New Haven, CT 06512.

Cdr Donna Ferrucci, AP of the New Haven Squadron (the only squadron in all of USPS celebrating its 100th Anniversary along with the USPS) was honored to lead the parade of District Flags at the USPS Annual Meeting. District 1 Commander George Gilbert, AP is just behind, leading the Districts.

Photo by Steve Erickson

2014 Mini Cruise to the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY

Please plan to join District 1 for our Mini Cruise to the United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, 8-10 August 2014, celebrating the 100 years of operation of the USPS and the New Haven Squadron.

Friday 8 August: you're on your own for dinner.

Saturday 9 August: Tour the USCG Museum No charge at 10:00. Walk the grounds of this beautiful and historic site, cookout (please bring a dish to share). Commanders Cocktail Party to follow.

Sunday 10 August: Commander Gilbert will make his famous blueberry pancakes before we return to our homes or home-ports.

Arriving by vehicle. There is plenty of parking. Come enjoy the activities on Saturday.

Arriving by vessel. We will be provided thirty dock spaces; our hosts at the academy will provide anchorage and moorings as needed. No charge. Please provide Charles Marino or George Gwizd with the following: Your name, vessel's name, type of vessel (sail or power) and size. And as we approach the date I'll also need the names of others onboard and your ETA. The Academy will determine where any certain vessel will be docked, anchored or moored and when. Sorry no first come first served. Reservations need to be made as soon as possible. Being a Military Facility we all need to have photo ID (Driver's License or other State or Federal ID). 17 July is cutoff date for vessel reservation, but don't wait. Plan now, plan ahead, cancellations are always understandable, but space may be limited.

It's been many years since our Squadrons have cruised to the USCG Academy, how fitting for a cruise there celebrating our 100th Anniversary. D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, District Administrative Officer
203-232-1277 (C); 203-723-7362 (H); 203-596-4202 ext. 3044 (O) email: bluenoseii@sbcglobal.net



District 1 Fishing Derby

District 1 is invited to join Norwich Power Squadron's 16th annual fishing tournament/picnic on Sunday July 20. Fishing begins in Long Island Sound at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Fishing forms will be available at the June Council Meeting. Awards Picnic to follow at 4 p.m. at the Lewis Cottage, 25 Nichols Lane, Waterford, CT 06385. Rain date is Sunday July 27.

For more fishing information please contact Cdr Gene Lewis at 860-442-4740. You don't have to fish to come to the picnic. Please let Linda Lewis know who will be coming. Cost is \$5 plus a side dish. We have a wonderful time.



District 1 Sail Race

We are joining with the Branford Yacht Club to take advantage of their 12 July "Branford Invitational" which is part of the ECSA (Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association) racing schedule. If you are already a member of the ECSA, you can take part and earn ECSA points as well as credit for your squadron. Trophies will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each class.

Eligibility: The Branford Invitational has hosted as many as 75 racers in the past in up to 8 classes, both spinnaker and non-spinnaker. You must have a 2014 PHRF- ECSA rating certificate to race. If you don't have one, you can join ECSA for \$40 on the spot, have your boat measured, and be ready to race.

Starting line and Time: Off Branford Harbor between Negro Heads and Cow and Calf Buoys. First Gun will be at 11:00 am.



Spinnaker classes will have windward and leeward courses. Non-spinnaker classes will have a triangular course.

Dockage: If you are not in the Branford area, you can sail over Friday and use their dockage free of charge and make a weekend of it.

Entry fee: \$35.00 per boat (\$30.00 for USSA members) plus \$12 prepaid per person attending the awards party/ \$15 when paid at the party. Non-racers can come and enjoy the day and join in the party.

Contact: Art Andrea for the race entry form and for help with the PHRF-ECSA rating certificate and any other details. arthurandrea@sbcglobal.net or 203-641-0954.

USPS DISTRICT 1

10th ANNUAL POKER RUN and COOKOUT

Saturday, 20 September 2014, (Rain date: Sunday, 21 September 2014)

Raft-up Location: Hamburg Cove

Arrive Friday evening or Saturday morning, look for other USPS Ensigns flying, and anchor, moor, or raft up! Stay for a day or the weekend.



The Poker Run- Entry Fee: \$5.00, Event day registration: 0945 – 1045, Start Time: 1100
(Participants are encouraged to register before 15 September)

A Poker Run is an organized event where the objective is to obtain the best poker “hand.” A Poker Run is not a race, but a game of knowledge and chance. Participants navigate boats (e.g. canoe, dinghy, kayak, sunfish, other tender) to five checkpoints with the help of clues. At each checkpoint, participants who correctly answer a randomly chosen boating question will receive a sealed envelope containing one playing card. There is no time limit. The boater with the best “hand” of five cards will be considered the winner. There will also be 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Results will be determined and prizes awarded at the afternoon cookout.

The Blindfolded Dingy Race is on again this year!

(Your chance to demonstrate your navigation skill)

Cookout: Hamburg Cove Yacht Club @ 1400

Hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Cost: \$8.00 per person.



Come by boat or car! Driving directions:

- From points south, take I-95 to exit 70. Turn left and proceed straight on Rte. 156 for 4.4 miles. Turn left onto Cove Rd. The clubhouse is directly ahead. Park in the lot across from the building.
- From points north, take I-95 to exit 70. Turn left onto Rte. 1 and take a quick right onto Halls Road. At the end of Halls Road (~.7 mile), turn right onto Rte. 156 and follow the directions above.

For more details and to register contact Charles Marino, at blunoseii@sbcglobal.net or tele: 203-723-7362 or 203-232-1277

National Awards *Ed: The following awards were presented by USPS for the year 2013-14.*

50 Year Pins:

Elliot J. Wilcox, SN	New Haven
Edward A. Lonergan, AP	Saybrook
P/D/Lt/C Andrew W. Biggerstaff, Jr., SN	Springfield
Charles A. Pederzoli, AP	Springfield

Life Members (25 Merit Marks)

Philip Lacourcier	Meriden
P/C P. David McKnight, AP	New Britain
Edward T. Bruce, AP	New Haven
Nancy A. Miller, SN	New Haven
Lt/C Truxtun E. Brodhead, P	New London
Gregory Roth, JN	New London
Cdr Eugene H. Lewis, Jr., N	Norwich
Keith S. Benson, AP	Waterbury

National Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching

Stf/C Stanley L. Klein, SN	Middletown
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2013 “Distinctive Communicator Award ” for Publications

District 1	Sounds of 1
Hartford	the Bilge Pump
Manchester	Silk City Sailor
Meriden	Masthead
Middleton	The Jib Sheet
Norwich	The Compass Rose
Springfield	The Flying Bridge
Waterbury	Pharos Beacon

2013 “Distinctive Communicator Award” for Websites

Meriden Power Squadron
 Middletown Power Squadron
 Milford Power Squadron
 New Haven Power Squadron
 Springfield Power Squadron
 Waterbury Power Squadron

Educational Achievement (Senior Navigator (SN))

P/C Richard C Carlson, SN	Hartford
Robert Farnum, SN	Waterbury

Educational Proficiency Awards (AP + 3 Electives)

Lt/C Kevin Vibert, AP	Hartford
Thomas Berlandy, AP	Hartford
Michael P Matthews, N	Springfield
Lt/C Regina Badura, AP	Waterbury
Thomas G. Poole, AP	Waterbury
Karen W. Poole, AP	Waterbury
Michael M. Ritzenhoff, AP	Waterbury

2013 Membership Growth Award

1st place nationally went to Westerly Squadron

National Awards (Continued)

Co-Op Charting

Hartford came in 23rd out of 75 squadrons
 Middletown was 63rd.
 D-1 was 11th out of 33 districts.

Annual awards for contributions to the National Education Fund

Hartford	16 th Year with a 100% contribution
New Britain	21 th Year
Norwich	15 th Year

VSC Century Club (100+ per year)

P/C John R Robinson, AP Saybrook

District Awards *Ed: The following awards were presented by District 1 for the year 2013-14.*

Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching

Stf/C Stanley L. Klein, SN	Middletown
Roy L Bergeron, AP	Hartford, Runner Up

Everett M. Lebel Educational Achievement Award for the Squadron with the most active educational program based on members taking courses:

Waterbury	1 st Place
Norwich	Runner up

Teaching Aid Contest at the Fall Conference

Stf/C Stanley L. Klein, SN	Middletown
Celestial Tools	

District VSC Awards for most VSCs:

1 st Place	P/C John R. Robinson, AP Saybrook, 14 th Year
2 nd Place	Robert C. Post, P, Milford P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P, Hartford
3 rd Place	Preston Pope, Saybrook Top Squadron Milford and Meriden tied

Historian’s Award 100% of squadron histories through

D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	Hartford
P/D/C Herb “Bud” Greenbacker, SN	Meriden
Lt/C Robert E. Borden, P	Middletown
Cdr Paul Bialecki, P	New Britain
Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	Norwich

Want to be a Vessel Safety Examiner?

Performing Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) is a lot of fun and very rewarding. It’s a great squadron activity to set up a visit to a Marina and bring in a group of VSEs. Non members are always grateful to get their boat inspected and might even be interested in joining the USPS. For more information contact your squadron VSC Chairperson or P/D/C Pat Pabouet at Argus06108@aol.com.



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Help with the Big E Booth – Get in Free!

Once again this year the Springfield Power Squadron will be hosting a booth at the Big E in West Springfield at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds. This is a great opportunity to get the word out about the USPS and recruit potential new members from all areas of District 1 and District 2 and throughout all of New England. Last year we had over 100 people make inquiries into the USPS and safe boating courses from New York to Maine, and even a few folks from Canada too. So, come and join us and have some fun while meeting new people.

The fair runs for 17 days from September 12 through September 28 and is open to the public from 10 AM to 10 PM. The booth must be attended at all times by at least 2 members-this is a lot of people hours and we need your help. In exchange for a 4 hour shift at the booth you will have **free entry into the fair and free parking**. So mark your calendar, and contact us to sign up for the fair.

I am pleased to announce that R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN from the Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron, District 2, will help to organize this event too. Last year she and several other members from District 2 helped to make this a successful event and we welcome their help once again.

The Big E provides the USPS with a big opportunity to get the work out that “Boating is fun – we’ll show you how.”

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