



Summer

2016

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Your 2016-2017 District 1 Bridge

Ed: The D-1 Bridge as elected and installed at the District 1 Conference on 19 March, 2016. This photo is a portion of the 2015 Bridge photo so as to include Richard Carlson.

Front row L. to R: Secretary Kim Boswell, S, Exec Officer Charles Marino, P

Back row L. to R.: Educational Officer Timothy Tyler, JN, Asst. Treasurer Peter Jenkin, SN, Admin Officer Charles Greenbacker, JN, District Commander Arthur Andrea, AP, Asst. Secretary Christopher Jordan, AP, Treasurer Richard Carlson, SN



From the Helm

I would like to start by saying thank-you to all the District Members for supporting me in the past year and for electing me to a second year as your Commander. I look forward to working with the District Bridge and all of our members in the coming year. The District Bridge has been working hard to organize an excellent selection of summer activities, all of which are described in the coming pages. We are starting with our June Rendezvous and Council at Brewer Essex Island on 17-19 June and I hope all of you will sign up for the picnic. We have mini cruises to Mattituck, LI and to Mystic Seaport with lots to do at each. We are also trying a new location for the Poker Run: North Cove YC in Saybrook. We think everyone that participates will enjoy these venues.

We will be giving an ABC course at Brewer Essex Island on 4 June and 11 June with some navigation instruction on 18 June in the morning before the Council meeting. This course is sponsored by the District and if any of you would like to help please contact me.

This year's Governing Board will be meeting in Pittsburgh at the Sheraton at Station Square from 21-28 August. Please try and join us for this important National meeting. Please see me for further details if you will be attending.

We are so sorry to announce the passing of our Treasurer, D/Lt/C Richard Carlson, SN and have included a short bio on page 6. We are grateful for all the support Dick has given his Hartford Squadron and our District. Peter Jenkin, SN, our Asst. Treasurer, has assumed the Treasurer position and I want to thank him for stepping up on such short notice.

I would like to end by wishing all of you a safe boating season with Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Cdr Arthur Andrea, AP, District 1



Members attending the USPS National Meeting in February: P/D/C George M. Gilbert, AP, R/C M. Ellen Barbour, SN, Stf/C Stanley Klein, SN, D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN, P/C Nancy Miller, SN, D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

Spring Conference Program Highlights

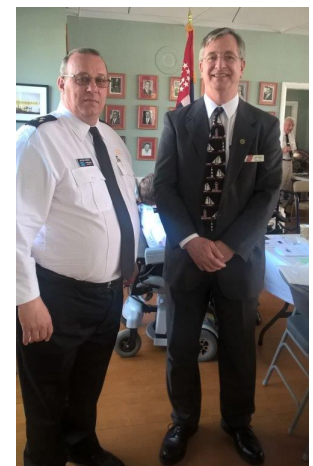
The Spring Conference program featured a presentation by Jeffrey Hoedt, Chief-Boating Safety Division, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, US Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

Jeff gave a short history of the 1971 Boating Act that authorized the USCG to get involved with boating safety. He described the reduction of boating fatalities from 1700+ in the 1970s to under 600 today even while the number of boats on the water has doubled.

He reported that 2015 saw the first increase in power boat sales in a decade. Paddle craft are the "hot" boats in the last year with over 700,000 sold last year.

He said that the US Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary are vital to boating education and safety and hopes we will keep up the good work.

He reported that the "wear rate" of life jackets nationally is only 5%. He urged all of us to set the example and wear our life jackets when on the boat. He also asked us to set an example by using our engine "kill" switches when operating our boats.



Cdr Arthur Andrea, AP and Jeff Hoedt from Homeland

Join us for the 2016 June Rendezvous and Council

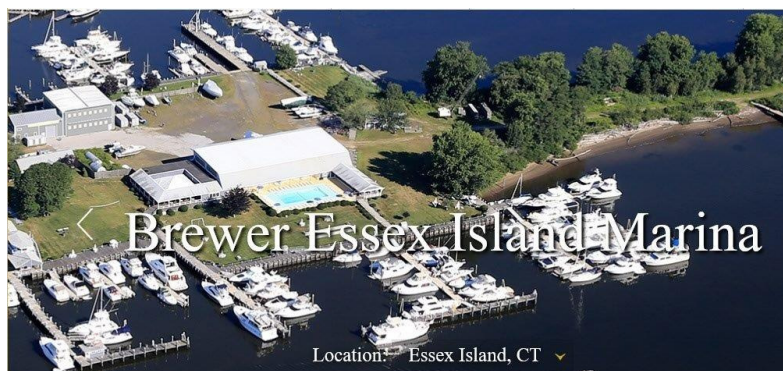
We're returning to Brewer Essex Island Marina!

DISTRICT RENDEZVOUS

Brewer Essex Island Marina, Essex, CT

Friday 17 June–Sunday 19 June

Hosted by Westerly Squadron



Saturday, 18 June

0800-0930 –Continental Breakfast – muffins, pastries, and coffee furnished by District.

1000 -- Children's activities; poster contest.

1100 -- Flare Demo, bring your own or use ours

1200 -- Light lunch hosted by Norwich Squadron.

1300 -- **D/1 Council Meeting** hosted by Norwich Squadron.

1430 -- Raffle

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

1600 -- Cookout – hot dogs, hamburgers, fixings, soda, and coffee furnished by District. **Please bring the following to share based on the first letter of your last name: A-H, salad; I-P, side dish; Q-Z, dessert.** Cooking by the Westerly Squadron.

All Day -- The pool is open! 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.

Sunday 0800-0930: Pancake and Sausage Breakfast **donation requested**, hosted by P/D/C George Gilbert, AP.

Purchase your tickets for the picnic from your Squadron Commander: \$10.00/ children under 10 \$5.00 by June 13. Tickets at the door are \$12/\$5.

Please bring your own lawn chair(s). In the event of rain, the cookout will start at 1500. The Road Runners will be entertaining us with live music from 1400-1600

Contact: D/1 Admin Officer Charles Greenbacker, 860-742-1714 or ncfdchief1@aol.com.

Dockage: The normal dockage is \$3.75/ft for boats under 39', \$4.25 for boats 40' to 59'. Power Squadron members will get a 50% discount on the docking fee and Brewer's customers get their usual discount. 30a service is \$12.50/night and 50a is \$25. Cancellation is full refund before 14 days prior, 25% of first night non-refundable between 7 and 14 days prior, 50% of first night less than 7 days and if leaving early. No-shows are charged for full stay.

To make a reservation go online to "Dockwa.com" and enter the location of "brewer essex" to find the marina. Enter the dates you want to reserve and follow the steps. When you get to the box labeled "special request", enter either "United States Power Squadron" to get the 50% discount or your Brewer "home Port" to get your normal discount. If you have special needs or prefer the river or cove side of the marina please specify those as well.

Directions: Take Rt. 9 to exit 3. Turn left onto Rt. 154. From North, turn left onto West Ave. From South, turn right onto West Ave. Take West Ave into the center of town and continue down Main St. Take a left onto Ferry St and another left onto Pratt St. Park in any available spot on the street. Take the small ferry over to Essex Island (no charge).



The "RoadRunners" are returning and some may "rock out".

District Mini Cruise

8-10 July, Strong's Water Club and Marina, Mattituck, LI

Please plan to join District 1 for our Mini Cruise to Strong's Water Club in July.

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

Saturday 9 July: The marina has lots of amenities: junior Olympic pool, "Sounds of Summer" live music on Saturday night from 1600 to 2000, restaurant and bar, picnic area, and paddle board rental. We'll have a supper cookout (please bring your own meat to cook and side dish to share). In addition, the Mattituck Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an *Old Fashioned Street Fair*. There will be food, entertainment and many unique arts and crafts to be sold all day Saturday.

Sunday 10 July: Return to home port.

Dockage is \$4.25/ft/day; single 30a is \$10/day/double 30a/single 50a is \$20/day. waterclub@strongsmarine.com
For more details and to register contact D/Lt/C Charles Greenbacker, JN at ncfdchief1@aol.com or 860-742-1714.



District Sail Race

We are joining with the Branford Yacht Club to take advantage of their 9 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 2016 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 1100. 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 racers can 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.

District Fishing Derby

District 1 is invited to join Norwich Power Squadron's 18th annual fishing tournament/picnic on Friday, 29 July. Fishing begins in Long Island Sound at 0800 until 1400. Social hour follows at 1600 with a picnic at 1730 at the Lewis Cottage, 25 Nichols Lane, Waterford, CT 06385. Rain date is Friday, 26 August.

For more fishing information please contact P/C Gene Lewis at 860-442-4740. You don't have to fish to come to the picnic. Please RSVP by 27 July who will be coming. Cost is \$5 plus a side dish. Come and enjoy a wonderful time.



Gene and Deb Lewis with a sand shark, but no prize.

District Mini Cruise to Mystic Seaport

Where: Mystic Seaport

When: 12-14 August

Friday 12 August: Arrival and you're on your own for dinner. Get together with other members after dinner.

Saturday 13 August: The Mystic Seaport has all sorts of exhibits open to the public and you get in free to all of them with your docking fee. We are also working to schedule a couple of free group tours possibly including the "Watercraft Hall" that is normally not open to the public. Another possibility is an "interpretative tour" of the Charles W. Morgan. Because of the requirements of their catering service, we will cook separately on our boats and then meet for dinner on the dock.

Sunday 14 August: Breakfast and return to home port.



Dock Fees – 1st night \$4.50 / ft. LOA, 2nd Night \$3.25/ ft. LOA (Mystic Seaport 'Mariner' Member's Rate)

Dock Fees Include admission to the Seaport for all those aboard. Brewer's 'Preferred Customers' can receive an additional \$0.50 per foot reduction in price. Each individual boat owner will make their own reservations. A \$100 deposit, which will be put toward actual dock fees, is required at that time. For more details and to register your boat contact the Dock Master, Greg Zabel at 860-572-5391 or greg.zabel@mysticseaport.org. Please also contact D/Lt/C Charles Greenbacker, JN at ncfdchief1@aol.com or 860-742-1714 that you are planning to attend.

Arriving by vehicle. Each boat must register the names of up to 4 of those arriving by car in order for them to get in free. This can be done when you register your boat or upon arrival. The seaport will then have their names at the gate for free admission.

District Poker Run (New Location)

Saturday, 17 September, (Rain date: Sunday, 18 September)

Raft-up Location: North Cove YC, Sheffield Street, Old Saybrook, CT
Arrive Friday evening or Saturday morning, look for other USPS Ensigns flying, 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*)

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 yea! Your chance to demonstrate your navigation skill)

Cookout: North 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! See http://www.northcoveyc.com/ncyc_visitors.php for boat and auto directions. For more details and to register contact D/Lt/C Charles Greenbacker, JN at ncfdchief1@aol.com or 860-742-1714.

Portland Riverside Marina Catfish Tournament

The Portland Riverside Marina has invited USPS members to its Catfish tournament August 19- 21. Free dockage will be available for tournament participants. Prizes will be awarded and the tournament ends with a huge picnic. The grounds are Adult & kid friendly. For more details contact Karen at the marina: 860-342-1911 or portlandriversidemarina@comcast.net

Annual Teaching Aids and Exhibits Competition - D/Lt/C Timothy Tyler, JN – DEO

Every year the USPS holds a teaching aid competition at its Annual Meeting. District 1's entry is chosen at our Fall Conference. At the USPS Annual Meeting, one entry is selected as "Best of Best". All District winners are announced and certificates are presented to District Commanders. Additionally, all entries will be featured on the Instructor Development Committee web site allowing instructors to access the aids and implement them in their presentations. Aids add interest to classes, make classes entertaining and can make all the difference when teaching a complex concept.

Submission guidelines require using the aid in a USPS course or seminar within the past two years. Guidelines do not specify aids be made by an instructor. As a member, if you have an idea for a teaching aid, contact your SEO. Your SEO will find the appropriate instructors to get your idea out in front of students. There's still time to create your aid and have it used in a summer seminar or fall class. This will fulfill requirements for our November competition.

Help District 1 spotlight our talented people by demonstrating your skills with an entry. You just might help a student grasp a difficult concept or equip them with a skill that may come in handy at a critical time. As an added benefit, you will highlight District 1's dedication to education. If you have not come up with an aid as yet, think about concepts that were difficult for you and what it was that ultimately gave you understanding. Inspiration can be found on the National USPS website, http://usps.org/national/eddept/id/ta_pix.htm.

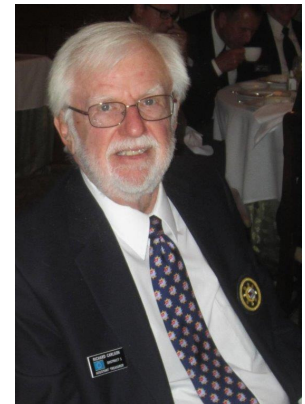
Chapman Award - D/Lt/C Timothy Tyler, JN – DEO

USPS created this award to recognize exceptional instructors and honor excellence in teaching. Sadly, last year we had no entry. This did not speak well for our District. If you've taken a class and think your instructor deserves special merit, take the time to email your SEO and describe what makes them special. Many of us have benefited by the good work of our instructors and an entry says this and more. It reflects well on all of us. We know we have excellent instructors, let's give them some well-deserved recognition.

D/Lt/C Richard Carlson, SN

Our District Treasurer, D/Lt/C Richard C. Carlson, SN lost his battle with cancer on Monday, 9 May, 2016. He and his beloved wife, Betty, were avid travelers and hikers, and active in a number of local organizations, especially the Power Squadron. Dick was born and raised in West Hartford, graduated from Hall High in 1958, earned his B.S. degree in accounting from the University of Hartford in 1963 and his M.S. in Computer Science from R.P.I. in 1975. Dick joined the Travelers Insurance Company in 1972 and retired in 1992 as head of Internal Audit and also served on the Travelers Client Security Fund Committee.

Dick was an enthusiastic fisherman and boater from his cottage in Clinton and joined the Hartford Power Squadron in 2005. He immediately took an active part in the organization: taking courses, helping with the Hartford Boat Show and CoOp Charting, teaching the "Weather" Course as well as several seminars. He served as Squadron Secretary and then Commander from 2010-2013. He became the District Asst. Treasurer in 2012 and was elected District Treasurer in 2015. He received his "SN" in 2013. Dick will be sorely missed at all levels of USPS and we extend our sincere condolences to Betty and his whole family.



National Awards *The following awards were presented by USPS for the year 2015-16.*

50 Merit Marks

P/D/C Charles J. Newfield, JN New Haven

50 Year Pins:

Cdr Eugene H. Lewis, Jr., N Norwich
P/C Robert F. Smith, AP New London

Life Members (25 Merit Marks)

P/Lt/C Rich Bendler, AP Waterbury
Lt/C Henry Chmielewski, AP Milford
Mary P. Eppler, P Manchester
Donald Grant, JN Manchester
Stf/C Stanley L. Klein, SN Middletown

2015 “Distinctive Communicator Award” for Publications

District 1	Sounds of 1
Hartford	the Bilge Pump
Meriden	Masthead
Middleton	The Jib Sheet
Norwich	The Compass Rose
Waterbury	Pharos Beacon

2015 “Distinctive Communicator Award” for Websites

District 1
Hartford Power Squadron
Meriden Power Squadron
Middletown Power Squadron
New Britain Power Squadron
New Haven Power Squadron
New London Power Squadron
Springfield Power Squadron
Waterbury Power Squadron

Educational Proficiency Awards (AP + 3 Electives)

D/C Arthur Andrea, AP New Haven

Annual awards for contributions to the National Education

Fund for 2015 with a 100% contribution

New Britain	21st Year
Hartford	17 th Year
Norwich	15 th Year

District Awards *The following awards were presented by District 1 for the year 2015-16.*

Edward M. Labelle Achievement Award

Waterbury 2015
Hartford 2014

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
2 nd Place	P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P	Hartford
3 rd Place	1 st /Lt Robert C. Post, P	Milford
Top Squadron		Hartford

Historian’s Award 100% of squadron histories through 2014-15

P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	Hartford
P/D/C Herb “Bud” Greenbacker, SN	Meriden
Cdr Paul Bialecki, P	New Britain
P/D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	Norwich
P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	District 1

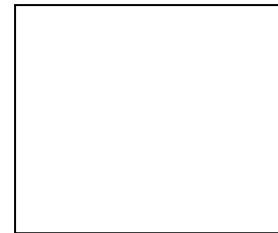
EVEN EXPERIENCED BOATERS NEED A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK!

A major component of a fun filled outing is a reliable boat which has all the necessary equipment operating properly. A free vessel safety check (VSC) is an important safe-guard, and our certified examiners will be happy to perform the check for you. There are no consequences if you don't pass. Our goal is simply to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends, through education.

See your Squadron’s VSC officer or Commander to ask for your free check.

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. You can be the VSE for your marina or yacht club. 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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2014 National Safe Boating Council Statistics

- In 2014, the Coast Guard counted 4,064 accidents that involved 610 deaths, 2,678 injuries and approximately \$39 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents.
- The fatality rate was 5.2 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 10.6% increase from last year's fatality rate of 4.7 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
- Drowning was reported as the cause of death in three-fourths of all fatalities.
- Approximately 84 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.
- About 12 percent of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety instruction.
- Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed and alcohol rank as the top 5 primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Where the primary cause was known, alcohol was listed as the leading factor in 21% of deaths.
- Twelve children under age thirteen lost their lives while boating in 2014. Seven children, or approximately 58% of the children who died in 2014 died from drowning. (Four children or 57% of those who drowned were wearing a life jacket; two were not required to by state law.)
- The most common types of vessels involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (47%), personal watercraft (17%) and cabin motorboats (15%).



For more information, visit www.safeboatingcampaign.com.