



Fall

2018

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Two District Council Meetings Eliminated

A recent decision by our National Organization has made the District Council meetings optional. While our own bylaws specify fall and spring Council meetings, the option was discussed at the June Council meeting that was held on the Saturday of the June Rendezvous. Our Rules Chair, Betsy Tyrrell, S, found that *“Historically, the District Commander would call a Bridge meeting a week or so before the Council meeting. The Bridge members, immediate past Commander and committee chairmen were invited. These meetings were to set the agenda for the council meeting. Several years ago these Bridge meetings were expanded to include Local Squadron leaders. These meetings are well attended, but make the Council Meeting redundant. The solution to this problem is to call the Bridge meetings the Council meeting, continue to meet in Restaurants, as has been the practice, and no longer meet at Eversource.”*

We will continue to hold the June Council on the Saturday of the June Rendezvous. The other issue is that we have traditionally sent out the minutes of the June Council with the “call” to the Fall Council. Since there is no Fall Council planned, we have put the June Council minutes up on the website. You can access those minutes at:

<http://www.uspsdistrict1.org/minutes/2018-06-23CouncilMinutes.pdf>



From the Helm: Cdr Charles L. Marino, P

I can't believe I'm composing the Fall, 2018 "From the Helm". It has been a short summer due to the rain and humidity, but still we had a lot of great District activities and this issue reviews most of them.

I'd like to begin by extending my sympathies to Christine Gwizd for the loss of her husband George. George served the United States Power Squadron and District 1 in a variety of positions. I recall the many conversations I shared with George in my first five years with District 1. Always polite and courteous, George advised me and kept me on an even keel as a member of the District Bridge. George will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

We had our June rendezvous and Council at Essex Island and I want to thank the Manchester Squadron for providing the lunch. We were scolded for holding a flare demonstration. We had obtained the approval of the Coast Guard but apparently the Harbor Master didn't pay attention to his radio when the USCG announced our Flare Demonstration.

Once again thank you to Gene and Linda Lewis for holding the Fishing Derby and Cookout and inviting members of the District 1 Squadrons. Last year I attended and had a great time. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend as I was in Boston on business. Thank you to Executive Officer D/LT/C Charles Greenbacker for attending in my stead and congratulations to the winners. I am looking forward to attending next year.

District 1 once again traveled by boat and car to the USCG Academy, New London, on August 10 to 12, 2018. Nine vessels participated and about thirty to thirty-five members and guests attended. A big thanks to Doug and Eric Burdett and Paul Rosa and others who assisted getting the vessels to their docking locations and securing them to the docks. On Saturday we had the Commanders Cocktail Party and Potluck Dinner and Sunday P/D/C George Gilbert and Peter and Shelia DePascale prepared and cooked Blueberry Pancakes. There was one order for Chocolate Chip Pancakes and George was able to accommodate that order; you can always count on George.



D/C Charles Marino, P navigating his "Twilight Zone" to the USCG Academy. Photo by Eric Burdett, SN

P/D/C Art Andrea and I attended the Board of Governors Meeting in Minneapolis. What a unique city, you can travel just about anywhere in the city without having to go outside. They have eight miles of glass bridges that connect buildings to each other to keep you out of the cold weather and snow. We'll be reporting on the events of the Board of Governors Meeting at the Fall Conference.

November brings us to our Fall Conference at the Branford Yacht Club. Lunch will be prepared by our own P/D/C Herb "Bud" Greenbacker. We have lined up a speaker and as boaters I think you'll find the subject matter very interesting, and no, it has nothing to do with any of the USPS classes or seminars. The presentation by P/R/C Dr. Anne Peskin, N will be on Pirates. Now who amongst us hasn't thought about being one as a child. I remember a song in the movie Treasure Island: "A Pirate's life for Me" that I loved. Anne gave me a glimpse into her discussion and you might want to think twice about being a pirate.

You can read details of the fall conference below and be sure to sign up for the lunch, and Pre and Post Conference Dinners. My thanks to Linda Miller of the Waterbury Squadron, P/D/C Art Andrea of the New Haven Squadron and P/C Joyce Bonney of the Manchester Squadron for making this all come together.

CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2018 FALL CONFERENCE



DATE: Saturday, 17 November 2018
HOST: Waterbury Power Squadron
TIME: 0900
PLACE: Branford Yacht Club, 39 Goodsell Point Rd., Branford, CT 06405 (see directions on page 4)
DRESS: Uniform F or other appropriate attire

Schedule:

0800 Registration, Coffee, Raffle Tickets
 Insignia/uniform swap-bring your spare insignia/uniform for others to use.
 Teaching Aids Setup-1 exhibit per Squadron

0900 **Call to Order:** D/C Charles L. Marino, P
 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 Arthur Andrea, AP
 Introductions of Guests and Head Table D/C Charles L. Marino, P
 Welcome to the Conference Cdr Wes Quigley III, AP, Waterbury Squadron
 Conference Roll Call: D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP

0930 **Message** from the Chief Commander

0945 **Program- PIRATES: HEROES OR VILLAINS?** P/R/C Anne Peskin, N

1130 **Attitude Adjustment** — Judging of the Teaching Aid displays/Insignia Swap.

1200 **Luncheon**--See page 4 for menu and reservations.
 * Awards presentation by D/C Charles L. Marino, P
 * Raffle

1400 **Departmental Workshops** (for Officers indicated, and others interested)
 Commander's Meeting D/C Charles L. Marino, P
 Education Officer's Meeting D/Lt/C Timothy F. Tyler, SN
 Secretary's Boot Camp-DB 2000 P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN

1500 **Reconvene the Conference** – Business Meeting
Action on the minutes of the 17 March 2018 Spring Conference
Reports of the District Officers
 District Commander D/C Charles L. Marino, P
 Executive Officer D/Lt/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN
 Educational Officer D/Lt/C Timothy F. Tyler, SN
 Administrative Officer Open
 Secretary D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
 Treasurer D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN

Reports of the General and Standing Committees:
 Audit P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
 Rules Betsy Tyrrell, S
 Planning P/C Joe Fernandes, P
 Nominating P/D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
 Law P/D/Lt/C Anthony Salzarulo, JN

Unfinished Business



New Business

Approval of the 2019-2020 D-1 Budget D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN

Confirm the date and location for the 2019 Spring Conference, Host: Westerly

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:

D/C Charles L. Marino, P

Directions to the Branford Yacht Club, 39 Goodsell Point Rd., Branford, CT 06405

1. From I-95N take exit 53. Merge right onto US 1S.
 - a. Turn left onto CT-142W. Turn left onto Maple St. and Right onto Linsley St.
 - b. Turn left onto Stannard Ave., continue to Goodsell Point Rd #39.
2. From I-95S take exit 54. Turn left and then right onto US 1S.
 - a. Follow 1.a and b. above.

Fall Conference Luncheon We are able to hold the cost down to \$20 for morning coffee and sweets and the full sit down lunch. The menu for lunch will be: salad, chicken, potato, veggie, rolls, butter, dessert and coffee. A beer and wine cash donation bar will be open for the "Attitude Adjustment" and lunch. Send your check for \$20/person, made out to "USPS D-1" by November 7th to: Peter Jenkin, 32 Fieldstone Court, North Haven, CT 06473-2892. To hold this price we are unable to order many extra meals, so "**walk ins**" **might not be served**. Please make a reservation.

Pre-Conference Dinner Brazi's Italian Restaurant, 201 Food Terminal Plaza (Long Wharf), New Haven, CT 06511 (203) 498-2488 Friday 16 November 1800. Reservations must be made by November 10th: Contact: Joyce C. Bonney at jcbonney@sbcglobal.net or 860-794-8055.

Post-Conference Dinner Tommy Sullivan's Café, 240 N. Main St., Branford, CT 06405, (203) 488-8454. Reservations will be taken up to date of the conference. Contact: Joyce C. Bonney at 860-794-8055 or jcbonney@sbcglobal.net.

All members are welcome to the pre and post dinners. This is a great way to socialize with fellow District members. Come and join us!

Hotel - Quality Inn East Haven, 30 Frontage Rd., East Haven, CT 06512, (203) 469-5321. **Cost:** \$90 plus tax 2 double beds and it includes breakfast. Must mention **United States Power Squadron** and reservations must be made by October 26, 2018. If you call after this date, the price will be \$109 plus tax.

There will be no Mates Program or Ship Store at the D1 Fall Conference.

Raffle - Bridge Members and each Squadron is asked to bring a raffle item.

Conference Program-"PIRATES: HEROES OR VILLAINS?"

Are all the stories we've read true? What made anyone choose pirating as a vocation? Was it a great life? There are many myths we have heard. P/R/C Anne Peskin will be demythizing a number of them.

P/R/C Anne S Peskin, N, has been sailing Long island Sound and up as far as Northeast Harbor Maine on her 32' Sabre. She has crewed on friend's 59' Hinkley from Maine to Trinidad. Anne was the first woman commander for Stamford Sail and Power back in 1980. Her favorite course to teach is Advanced Piloting. In her other life she is Professor Emeritus having taught mathematics at CCNY of NYC.



Our District Summer Activities

District June Rendezvous, Brewer Essex Island Marina



Cdr Paul Bialecki, P leads the assembly in the “Blessing of the Fleet”.
Photo by Lt/C Brenda Keefe, P

The District returned to the Brewer Essex Island Marina on 22-24 June for its annual June Rendezvous and Council meeting.

Members and guests enjoyed activities including the “Blessing of the Fleet” by our Chaplain, Cdr Paul Bialecki, P, a lunch “snack” hosted by the Manchester Squadron, and the annual picnic was

also hosted by the Manchester Squadron.



Some of the ladies enjoyed the sounds of the “Roadrunners”.
Photo by Lt Jean Quigley, SN

District Mini Cruise to Mystic Seaport



The Charles W. Morgan at rest at Mystic Seaport. 2016 file Photo by Alex McKibbin

District members and guests enjoyed a Mini Cruise to Mystic Seaport on 13-15 July. The docking fee included free entrance to all of the exhibits at the seaport.



Model ships on display at the Mystic Seaport museum.
Photo courtesy of Mystic Seaport

District Sail Race, Branford, YC

Two boats from District 1 participated in the “Branford Invitational” which is part of the ECSA (Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association) race series, held at the Branford YC on 14 July. Cdr Peter DePascale, AP in “Irish Mist” won first place for the District with P/D/C Art Andrea, AP placing second in “TreScooch”, both of the New Haven Squadron.

“Irish Mist” and “TreScooch”
Photos by Kelley Fryer of Branford, CT



District Fishing Derby

Perfect weather, calm seas, great company, and delicious food. That was the recipe for a great day for the 20th Norwich Power Squadron Fishing Derby held on July 20, 2018. District 1 was invited to join us. There were 26 attending the awards picnic with representation from Norwich, Hartford, Middletown, and New Britain. Commander Peter Collins welcomed everyone and introduced Kevin McCarthy, a newly reinstated member of Norwich Power Squadron and his wife Jean. District Executive Officer Charles Greenbacker, JN brought a message from the District Commander about upcoming district summer events. Our thanks go to Jerry Pineault, AP for tallying the results and securing the trophies for the winners. There were two boats from District 1 participating in the derby.



Getting the measure of John DeSousa's Fluke
Photo by Cdr Paul Bialecki, P

Awards were presented to the following:
 Capt John DeSousa, S of "Bass Player" for largest fluke 21 3/4" New Britain Squadron
 Cdr Paul Bialecki, P aboard "Bass Player" for largest black sea bass 19 3/4" New Britain Squadron
 Capt George Gilbert, JN of "Sea Apple" for largest scup 16" Middletown Squadron.
 There were no striped bass or bluefish caught. *Reported by D/Lt/C Linda Lewis, AP*



Capt John DeSousa, S receives his trophy from Deb Lewis, S and Chairman Jerry Pineault, AP.
Photo by Lt/C Brenda Keefe, P

District Mini Cruise, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT

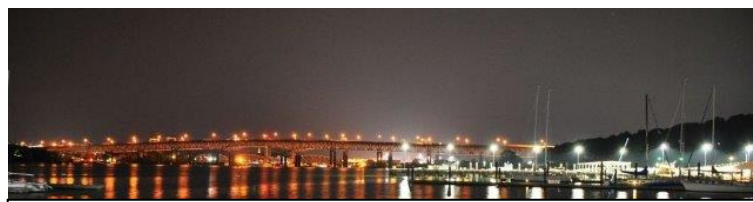
The District held a Mini Cruise to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy on 10-12 August. There was no charge for the docks and members were able to tour the USCG Museum on Saturday. Boaters and drive-ups were able to walk the grounds of this beautiful and historic site, enjoyed a nice pot-luck dinner, Commanders Cocktail Party on Saturday and P/D/C George Gilbert's blueberry pancakes on Sunday.



Cocktails on the dock.
Photo by Eric Burdett, SN



Part of the D-1 "fleet".
Photo by Eric Burdett, SN



The night lights were spectacular from the Academy.
Photo by Eric Burdett, SN

District Poker Run

After a few years hiatus, the District again sponsored a “Poker Run” at Hamburg Cove YC, on September 16, 2018. The event was changed from Saturday because of a scheduling conflict with the Yacht Club. 18 members attended with a number of boats serving as “deals” in the “Poker Run”. The idea is to go to each “deal” and obtain a card by answering a nautical question correctly. Following the “deal”, the participant with the best poker hand wins. The participants had a good time and enjoyed a noon picnic as well.



(L) Member’s dinghies are stacked up waiting to answer questions. (R) District Treasurer Peter Jenkin, SN and P/C Nancy Miller, SN are asking the hard questions.

Photos by Eric Burdett, SN

Winners Eric Burdett, SN, P/C Linda Miller, SN, Madison Goldfarb, P/Lt/C Rich Bendler, AP.

Photo by P/D/Lt/C Doug Burdett, SN

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

George Donald Gwizd, 90, of Old Saybrook, formerly of West Hartford, beloved husband of Christine Lozito Gwizd, passed away July 28, 2018. He graduated from Bulkeley High School and the University of Hartford. George served in the U.S. Army in Korea, where he photographed enemy territory.



George (left) supervising the flare demo at the 2010 June Rendezvous. Photo by P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN

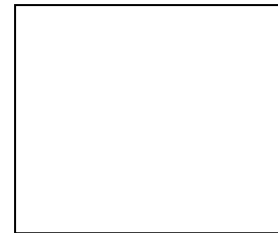
George served the Hartford Power Squadron over the course of 47 years, serving as Commander from 1987 to 1989 and held many additional posts until recently. He became a Life Member in 2004 and had 36 Merit Marks. Many District 1 members knew George for his long support of the District. He served as Treasurer from 1996 to 1999. Since then he was on the Planning Committee or the Nominating

Committee for many years and served as Budget Officer from 2004 to 2016. Members attending the annual June Rendezvous remember him as instrumental in holding the flare demonstrations and securing the visiting USCG boats.



P/D/Lt/C George Gwizd, JN and P/C Christine Gwizd, AP at the 2015 Hartford Power Squadron Change of Watch.

Photo by P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN



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District Holiday Party

The District is hosting a holiday party on Sunday, 9 December, at Campagna's Restaurant, 151 Marlborough Street. Portland, CT 06480. Everyone enjoyed this venue in 2015 and 2016. We will be ordering off the menu so you can get what you want. We'll meet at 2:00 p.m. and enjoy cocktails, a "Best Crazy Sock (or tights) contest and lots of raffle prizes. Please bring a toy for "TOYS FOR TOTS".

For reservations please contact Cdr Charles Marino at bluenoseii@sbcglobal.net or 203-232-1277 by Monday, 3 December.



Hartford Boat Show Bus Trip

As some of you may know, the Hartford Boat Show has moved its venue to the Mohegan Sun Casino newest event space. This winter's show will be held from 17-20 January. The Hartford Squadron is organizing a bus trip for Saturday, the 19th. The bus will leave the DOT parking lot on the Berlin Turnpike at 9:00 am and leave the Mohegan Sun at 8pm. You will be able to enjoy the boat show as well as the Mohegan Sun with \$30 worth of coupons (\$15 meal voucher gets you full entry to the \$23 infinite buffet plus \$15 gaming voucher). All at a cost of only \$30—you basically go free!!

Although the cost does not include admission to the boat show, we are looking into discounted admission for participants and will pass that on if we are able to get a discount. This trip is not just for squadron members, please bring your family and friends and let others know that they are welcome to join the trip.

Please call Jim Salvatore at jimsal1@comcast.net or 860-346-0680 to reserve seats. We now accept credit card payments as well as checks. Bus trip tickets make great Christmas presents/stocking stuffers!

