



Spring

2020

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District 1 Fall Conference

R/C Carl Filios, SN, from District 2, brought the message from the Chief Commander. With the addition of America's Boating Club to the USPS title, we have brought more recognition to our organization. There is a new ad campaign with the focus on taking courses. USPS has started a training center for 'On The Water' Training in Florida with the hopes of having one in California and Texas pending a US Coast Guard grant.

District Education Officer George Gilbert, JN presented the 2019 Everett LeBel Educational Achievement Award to Cdr Robert Frost, P of the New Haven Squadron. This award is given to the squadron with the most active education program.

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From the Helm: Cdr Charles F. Greenbacker, JN

Spring has sprung! We will soon be working on our boats in preparation for spring commissioning. Today, though, I want to invite you all to join us at the Manchester Country Club for the 2020 Spring Conference. I believe the bridge has put together a day that has something of interest for everyone.

Sue Darcy, our dear friend and neighbor from District 2, is the Chief Commander's Representative. I am looking forward to Sue's entertaining spin on the Chief's message. I am also pleased to announce that we have Kathleen Burns, from CMTA, joining us for her presentation of the reciprocal relationship between the association and our boating organization. (see below)

We have an excellent set of 'Break-Out' sessions that are open to everyone. We hope each of you will join in and share your thoughts and suggestions. We will be working on our summer activities as well as excellent sessions for Education, Admin Officers, Secretaries, and Treasurers and those taking up those new roles following their 'Changes of Watch'.

Please join us for the Spring Conference and please sign up early.

Spring Conference Program Kathleen Burns, Executive Director of the CMTA

On the Horizon: Navigating Boating Recreation through Emerging Challenges.

Boaters and the Boating Industry have long navigated often choppy waters of regulation, environmental challenge, access, water quality and more. Many of these issues have been overcome for the betterment of the recreation community while also improving the environment and the quality of the waters we enjoy.

Among the current challenges for the boating public are: Water Quality – the Big Picture; Aquatic Invasive Species, local and national; Legislation, Education and Solutions; Fiberglass recycling – is there a future?; Wake sports. The boom and what the future looks like.

Kathleen Burns, the Executive Director of the CT Marine Trades Association, will take a look at these new challenges and how the CMTA is helping to meet the most pressing topics impacting CT and New England Boaters.

You won't want to miss this presentation from the CMTA. Please see more about Kathleen Burns on page 4.

P/C/C Robert L Woods, SN passed away on 10 November 2019. Bob played an enormous part in the history of several of our squadrons, District 1, and our National Organization.

Bob was born in Bristol, CT. and was brought up in Plainville. After high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army's ROTC program, attaining the rank of second lieutenant. He fought in the Korean War as a forward observer for artillery and air support and was awarded the Silver Star for heroism, and also the Bronze Star with "V" for Valor in combat. Bob met the love of his life one summer at Grove Beach Point in Westbrook, CT. The romance that started as teenagers lasted over seventy years! Bob married Polly while he was on leave from active duty in the army. After his discharge they settled in Plainville where they raised their four children together. Boating has been a big part of Bob's life ever since he was a young man.



He got involved in the United States Power Squadron, rising to Commander of the New Britain Power Squadron in 1964 and later served in the Saybrook Power Squadron. He became Secretary of District 1 for 1965-67, Executive Officer for 1968-69 and Commander for 1969-71. During this time he participated in the annual meetings of our National Organization and became the National Admin Officer for 1972-74, Executive Officer for 1974-76, and the youngest Chief Commander for 1976-78. Following these leadership roles, Bob continued to support his Squadron, District and National with elected and appointed Committee Chair positions until last year.

CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2020 SPRING CONFERENCE

DATE: Saturday, 28 March, 2020
HOST: District 1 Bridge
TIME: 0900
PLACE: Manchester Country Club, 305 S. Main Street
 Manchester, CT (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.

0900 **Call to Order:** D/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN
 Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance D/Lt Ken Bell, Sr., AP
 Invocation and Remembrance Ceremony: D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P, Chaplain
 Introduction of Past District Commanders in attendance P/D/C Charles L. Marino, P
 Introductions of Guests and Head Table D/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN
 Welcome to the Conference D/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN
 Conference Roll Call: D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
 0915 **Message** from the Chief Commander P/R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN, District 2
 0930 **Program-** CMTA (CT Marine Trades Association). Kathleen Burns, CMTA, see page 2, 4
 1030 **Departmental Workshops:** *for Officers indicated, and others interested-Please see Page 5 for details*
 Commander's Meeting D/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN
 Education Officer Meeting D/Lt/C Art Andrea, AP
 Admin Officer Meeting D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN
 Secretary/Treasurers Meeting D/Lt/C Peter DePascale, AP
 P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN

1130 **Attitude Adjustment** — Insignia Swap.

1200 **Luncheon**--See page 4 for menu and reservations.
 * Awards presentation by D/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN and P/R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
 * Raffle

1400 **Reconvene the Conference** – Business Meeting
Action on the minutes of the 16 November, 2019 Fall Conference
Reports of the District Officers
 District Commander D/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN
 Executive Officer D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP
 Educational Officer D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN
 Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Peter DePascale, AP
 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/C Herb Greenbacker, SN
 Rules P/C Eugene H. Lewis, Jr., N
 Planning Cdr Robert Frost, P
 Nominating P/D/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P
 Law P/D/Lt/C Anthony Salzarulo, JN

Unfinished Business
New Business
 Nominating Committee Report P/D/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P
 Election of Officers and Committee Members P/R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

Change of Watch

P/R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

Confirm the date and location for the 2020 Fall Conference, Host: Meriden

Consideration of any other business that should come before this meeting

1600 **Benediction**

Chaplain D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P

Adjournment

By Order of the District Commander:

D/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN

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.

D1 Spring Conference Luncheon

The menu will be a buffet of: Tossed Salad, Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce, Chef's Choice of Vegetable and Starch, Rolls, Chicken Marsala, Sliced Pork with Stuffing and Apple Sauce, coffee, tea and dessert. Cash bar will be open for "Attitude Adjustment" and lunch. Send your check for **\$28/** person, made out to "USPS D-1" by March 12th to: Peter Jenkin, 32 Fieldstone Court, North Haven, CT 06473-2892. Please make your reservations as walk-ins may not be served a meal.

Pre-Conference Dinner

Elmo's Dockside, 48 Hartford Tpke, Vernon, CT 860-646-3474. Friday 27 March 1800. Reservations must be made by March 20th. Contact: Joyce C. Bonney at jcbonney68@yahoo.com or 860-794-8055.

Post-Conference Dinner At this time there is no Post-Conference Dinner scheduled.

All members are welcome to the pre-conference dinner. This is a great way to socialize with fellow squadrons. Come join us, a good time to exchange ideas!

Hotel – Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 1432 Pleasant Valley Road, Manchester, CT. **Cost:** \$115.00 for a King and \$119. For 2 Double, plus tax and it includes breakfast and WIFI. Call 860-644-1732. Must mention **USPS** and reservations must be made by March 6, 2020. If you call after this date, the price will be whatever the price of rooms are on that day plus tax, depending on availability.

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

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

About Kathleen Burns, Our Program Speaker

Kathleen is the Executive Director of the CT Marine Trades Association. Her journey to this role includes over 25 years in the recreational boating industry which began aboard their 23' Chris Craft on the winding waters of Potomac River. There she took her corporate marketing career into the marina industry as managing partner of a full-service marina, boat dealership and waterfront restaurant in Maryland.

She came to the Mystic area where together with her husband Dan, managed two facilities for over 15 years. While there she was the first female Chairman of the Board of the CT Marine Trades Association and founding member of the top-rated veteran's charity, 'Work Vessels for Vets'.

Today she is immersed in legislative activity, development of a maritime workforce and producing the Hartford Boat Show at Mohegan Sun. She is a graduate of the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University and splits her time between Connecticut and Cape Cod.



DISTRICT 1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Report of the District 1 Nominating Committee

For the 2020-2021 one-year term

Commander	D/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN Norwich
Exec. Officer	D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP New Haven
Educ. Officer	D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN Middletown
Admin. Officer	D/Lt/C Peter DePascale, AP New Haven
Secretary	D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP Norwich
Treasurer	Open
Asst. Ed. Officer	Open
Asst. Secretary	D/1 st /Lt RuthAnne Collins, P Norwich
Asst. Treasurer	D/1 st /Lt Linda Greenbacker, S Norwich
Asst. Admin.	D/1 st /Lt Carmen Vance P Norwich

Rules Committee

2018-2021 Betsy Tyrell, S Meriden

Audit Committee

2018-2021 P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN Hartford

Planning Committee

2018-2021 Cdr Kenneth Bell Sr., AP Meriden
2019-2022 P/D/C Elaine L. Williams, AP Saybrook

Nominating Committee

2018-2021 P/D/C Herb "Bud" Greenbacker, SN Meriden
2019-2022 P/D/C Charles L. Marino, P Waterbury

The Nominating Committee

P/D/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P, Chairman

Summer Activities for Your Calendar

These summer activities will be described in more detail in the Summer Sounds of 1, but in the meantime please put these events on your calendar.

19-21 June D-1 June Rendezvous, Essex Island Marina. Boating members will arrive Friday evening. Non-boating members will begin arriving at 10:00 on Saturday and enjoy a flare demonstration, a USCG boat, and other activities. A light lunch will be served and the council held at 13:00 followed by the blessing of the fleet, the Commander's cocktail party and a picnic.

20 June D-1 Council convenes at 13:00.

11 July D-1 Sail Race, Branford Yacht Club, Branford, CT. This is an official function of the ECSA, Eastern CT Sailing Association. Contact Art Andrea, 203-468-1210 for further information..

July TBD D-1 Mini Cruise, We will be planning both Mini Cruises at the Spring Conference.

July (TBD) D-1 Fishing Derby
Date awaiting information on tides.

Fishing begins at 0800 and ends at 1400. Please contact Gene Lewis if you would like to participate. Awards Picnic is at 1600 at the Lewis Cottage, 25 Nichols Lane, Waterford, CT 06385. Bring a side dish and \$5. Please call Linda Lewis if you plan to attend. 860-442-4740. Everyone is welcome to attend the picnic even if you don't fish.

August TBD D-1 Mini Cruise
21 September Poker Run

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We have affiliated with DAN boaters, which is primarily a diving organization. We are getting them involved in USPS because they have insurance if you are traveling at least 50 miles from home. Cost is \$25/year. Every USPS member will be enrolled upon membership renewal automatically for the \$25 fee unless you opt out. The insurance includes medical support and evacuation. For further information visit: <https://danboater.org/membership.html>

The public website has been updated in hopes of attracting new members. It will give more emphasis to selling courses with the theme of 'Learn, Education, Engage' and includes a connection to marine dealers.

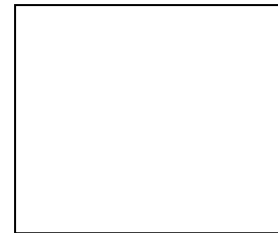
Departmental Workshops There is something for everyone in these workshops so please attend one of them.

Commanders and Executive Officers will focus on exploring ideas for the 2020 summer boating activities on land and sea. **Please bring your ideas.**

Education Officers will review current and future USPS courses and the latest plans from National.. **Participants will share their experiences with recent courses.**

Admin Officers will share their Squadron's programs, speakers, and other ideas for your Squadron. **Please bring your 2019-20 list of programs to share.**

Secretaries and Treasurers will review the responsibilities and the methods Squadron Secretaries and Treasurers use to meet those responsibilities. **Questions about DB 2000 will also be welcomed.**



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District 1 Holiday Party

The District held its Annual Holiday Party at Campagna's Restaurant in Portland on 8 December. We had a great turnout and everyone had a nice meal and enjoyed the teacup raffle. Our thanks go to P/D/C George Gilbert, JN for organizing the meal and to D/1st/Lt RuthAnne Collins, P for organizing the teacup raffle and handling the reservations.



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

