



Summer

2021

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Your 2021-2022 District 1 Bridge



L. to R.: Commander Arthur Andrea, AP, Secretary Linda L. Lewis, AP, Treasurer Peter Jenkin, SN, Education Officer George M. Gilbert, JN, Executive Officer Pat Pabouet, P.

Seated: Admin Officer Charles L. Marino, P

Photo Composite by Lt/C Eric Burdett, SN of the Waterbury Squadron



From the Helm: Cdr Arthur Andrea, AP

District 1 is coming back strong from an upside-down year. Squadrons have gotten their education programs going again and are planning their summer activities. Marinas and restaurants are opening and group activities are 'ok' again, especially outdoors.

Our District is starting the summer off with our June Council and Rendezvous (see page 3) and following up with a lot of help from several Squadrons. Our Meriden, Norwich, and Waterbury Squadrons have opened up some of their activities to all of us. Details for all of these are available on pages 4-6 inside this issue. I encourage you all to join them.

Please be safe in everything you do on the water this summer and have a great boating season. I hope to see many of you at the council meeting and other summer activities.

P/D/C James Coley, JN passed away 18 May, 2021. He was predeceased by his wife Patricia Coley and leaves 4 sons and their families.

Jim was an important part of District 1, the Saybrook Squadron, and our National Organization for over 50 years. He was District Commander from 1986-88 and held numerous other positions in both the Squadron and the District. He was also very active in the Hamburg Cove YC and was a Past Commodore.

One of Jim's proudest activities was working with the National Historian Committee. He developed a History of the USPS Ensign as well as a History of District 1. Both are featured on our District Web Site History page at: <https://www.usps.org/d1>.

Jim was also reported to have developed the District 1 flag and was part of a committee that met to discuss the formation of a new District publication, *The Sounds of 1*.



P/D/C Jim Coley, JN with P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P at the 2013 Fall Conference.



2021 Spring Conference

The 2021 Spring Conference was held on 20 March in a first-ever meeting on zoom. Attendance was similar to our recent meetings with 35 members attending from 10 squadrons. While we missed catching up with each other in person at coffee, 'attitude adjustment' and lunch, the business portion of the meeting went quite well and only took 90 minutes.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag led by D/Lt Ken Bell, Sr., AP, followed by the Invocation by D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P, Chaplain. Paul then led us in a Remembrance Ceremony for 26 of our valued members who passed in the last two years. The display at the right was in full view and a bell rung for each member. The full list is in the spring *Sounds of 1*.

The message from the Chief Commander Mary Paige Abbott was presented via power point by P/R/C Susan Darcy, JN from District 2. The message discussed how we are all moving forward during a 'virtual' time but then stressed that 'Membership' is job 1. She also reported that on-line education course sales had doubled during this time and that the Education Fund had paid for each Squadron to receive up to 20 ABC manuals at no charge and she was urging each Squadron to take advantage of the offer.

The meeting continued with Cdr Charles Greenbacker, JN presenting the awards for 2020 (see page 7) and then continuing with the reports from each District Officer. These reports including the Treasurer's Report, Budget, Audit, and Historian reports are all available on the *Sounds of 1* page of the District Web Site. The Budget for 2021-22 and the Audit Report for 2020-21 were approved by the Conference.

The report of the Nominating Committee was then read by Nominating Committee Chair, P/D/C Charles Marino, P and P/R/C Darcy held the election and swore in the new Bridge and Committee Members. See pages 1 and 8 for your new Bridge.

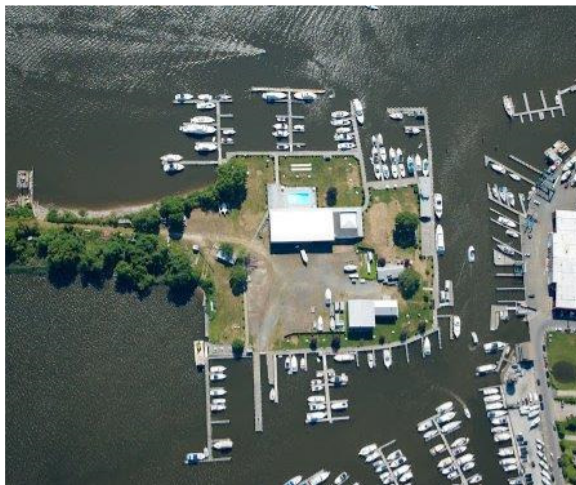


Join us for the 2021 June Rendezvous and Council

DISTRICT RENDEZVOUS

Safe Harbor Essex Island Marina, Essex, CT

Date: Friday 25 June–Sunday 27 June
Host: The Middletown Squadron
Dress: TEAM Casual – Polo Shirts with USPS or
Squadron Affiliation



Saturday, 26 June

0800 -- Breakfast on your own
1000 -- Children's activities; poster contest.
1030 -- Flare Demo, bring your own or use ours
1130 -- Light lunch hosted by New Britain Squadron.
1230 -- Blessing of the Fleet
1300 -- **D/I Council Meeting** hosted by the New Britain Squadron.
1430 -- Raffle
1500 -- Poster Contest Judging/ District Commander's Beer/Wine 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-J, dessert; K-Z salad or side dish.** Cooking by the Middletown Squadron.
All Day -- The pool is open! Vessel Examiners will be available throughout the day Saturday to perform Vessel Safety Checks.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, no charge for children. Send your check for \$5 per adult made to "USPS-D1" to Bob Borden, 81 Mill Rd, East Haddam, CT 06423 by June 19.

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. Come by boat or auto. Everyone is welcome; and bring the whole family.

Covid Precautions: Currently no masks are required on the lawn or in the pavilion. They may be required in the office. Please bring a mask to wear in the serving line so everyone will feel comfortable.

Contact: D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P, at 203-232-1277 or blunoseii@sbcglobal.net for further questions.

Dockage: The dockage is \$4.75/ft/day. 30a service is \$12.50/night and two 30a or one 50a is \$25. Full refund if canceled before noon 3 days before.

To make a reservation, call 860-767-2483 or go online to "Dockwa.com" and enter the location "Safe Harbor-Essex Island" 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 "Traveling with the Power Squadron" so they can put our members together to the extent possible. If you have special needs please specify those as well. Note that 'Docwa' is best used on a laptop, not a cell phone.

Directions to drive: 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).



File Photo of P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P demonstrating the smoke flare. Bring your own or use our flares at the June Rendezvous.



9-11 July: Rendezvous at Cedar Island Marina.

The District is teaming up with the Meriden Squadron to cruise to Cedar Island Marina on 9-11 July.

34 Riverside Dr, Clinton, CT 06413

Friday 9 July: Arrive, Cocktails together at 1700

Saturday 10 July: Shopping, swimming, and relaxation. Cook out or dinner at a nearby restaurant. No gas grills on site. Charcoal grills available, bring your own charcoal.

Sunday 11 July: Cruise home.



Amenities include: pool, free WiFi and electric, picnic and recreation area, fitness center, Rocky's Aqua Restaurant, free pump out, laundromat, and free shuttle to Clinton Crossings.

Rates: \$3.90/ft

Contact: 860-669-8681 Website: www.cedarislandmarina.com

If you are interested in this cruise, please call Peter Novicelli 203-237-5572 or email at: peternovicelli@yahoo.com to let him know so he can try to negotiate a better price package if we get a large enough turnout. Visitors coming by auto are encouraged to contact Peter for locations and times of activities.

10 July: District Sail Race

We are joining with the Branford Yacht Club to take advantage of their 13 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.

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.



P/D/Lt/C Peter DePascale, AP in "Irish Mist". Aerial photo by Boatpix.

District Fishing Derby

District 1 is invited to join Norwich Power Squadron's 19th annual fishing tournament/picnic on Friday, 9 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 Saturday, 10 July.

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 7 July who will be coming. Cost is \$5 plus a side dish. Come and enjoy a wonderful time.



Debbie Lewis Warner, daughter of Linda and Gene, shows off her catch in a 2013 file photo.



27-29 July: Midweek Rendezvous –Coecles Harbor Marina.

The District is teaming up with the Meriden Squadron to cruise to Coecles Harbor on 27-29 July. Coecles Harbor Marina and Boatyard, 18 Hudson Ave, Shelter Is, NY 11964, 631-749-0700 x10



Tuesday 27 July: Arrive. Cocktails at 1700 followed by cook out. Picnic area with tables, chairs, and charcoal grills.
Wednesday 28 July: Day of rest, with pool time and/or exploring the Island. Dinner at nearby Restaurant.
Thursday 29 July: Cruise home.

Amenities include: Free Showers, Swimming Pool, Van Service, Laundromat, Free WiFi, Bike Rental, Larger vehicles for rent.

Dock Rates:	Mon-Thur	25' minimum/30amp included	\$3.50/ft
	Fri-Sun	25' minimum/30amp included	\$4.00/ft
Mooring		30' minimum/no launch	\$2.00/ft

Website: www.chmb.net email: reservations@chmb.net

If you are interested in this cruise, please call Peter Novicelli 203-237-5572 or email at: peternovicelli@yahoo.com to let him know so he can try to negotiate a better price package if we get a large enough turnout.

20-22 August: Saybrook Mini Cruise

The District is teaming up with the Meriden Squadron to cruise to Saybrook Point Marina on 20-22 August.



Friday 20 Aug: “Commanders Cocktail Party”. Commander supplies beer and wine, everyone else bring snacks.
Saturday 21 Aug: Lunch, on your own. Restaurant: [Fresh Salt](#), Saturday evening will be a potluck cookout.
Sunday 22: Aug Head for home

Amenities include: Indoor & Outdoor Heated Pools; Hot Tub, Sauna, and Steam Room; Concrete Floating Docks & Fixed Docks with breakwater; Docking Assistance from Skilled Dock Attendants; 12' Approach Depth at Low Water; Complimentary Shuttle Service to Historic Main Street, Old Saybrook; Complimentary Bicycles; Loaner vehicle for short trips; Fitness Club; Picnic Areas with Gas Grills; Complimentary Hi-Def Digital Cable & Wireless Internet; Complimentary Coffee in the Lobby of the Inn from 5-10 a.m. daily; Marine Supply Store; Laundry Facilities; Fresh Salt Restaurant; Entertainment in July & August; Marina Bar Serving Drinks & Casual Food; European Style Spa.

Transient rates for boat up to 59': Monday – Thursday: 4.50, Weekend: 4.95. Above prices are per foot, plus tax and electric. If a vessel is under 30 feet, they will be charged for the 30-foot rate unless they have overnight accommodations at our onsite hotel. Moorings: none. Day Trip: \$1/ft.

Transient slip reservations: Phone: 960-395-3080. Online: [link](#).

If you are interested in this cruise, please call Peter Novicelli 203-237-5572 or email at: peternovicelli@yahoo.com to let him know so he can try to negotiate a better price package if we get a large enough turnout. Visitors coming by auto are encouraged to contact Peter for locations and times of activities.



Waterbury Squadron Cruises

While the cruises above tend to congregate at marina's and enjoy the marina amenities and organized activities such as group cocktail parties and pot-luck dinners, the Waterbury Squadron is a little more low-key.

They tend to anchor/moor/raft-up off-shore so that some of the group activities are not practical. That doesn't mean they don't enjoy going on-shore to explore the towns, eat at restaurants, and enjoy the water-front. If this mode of cruising appeals to you please join them for one or more of their trips.

The Waterbury Squadron has announced the following cruises and welcomes other Squadrons and members to join them.

29-31 May Memorial Day weekend. Hamburg Cove.
19-20 June Father's Day Weekend. Coecles Harbor.
3-5 July Independence Day Weekend, Newport. Extended cruising for the following week beyond, Cuttyhunk, MV, etc.
14-15 August Port Jefferson.
4-6 September Labor Day Weekend, Block Island, Great salt pond.

Please contact Wes Quigley at: whq_iii@yahoo.com for further information on any of the cruises. He will let you know their schedule, where they will be anchoring, and how to get in touch with members on VHF. Please note the underline character between "whq_iii".

New Engine Switch Cutoff Requirements

A new boat engine cutoff switch law went into effect on April 1, 2021. The law requires individuals operating recreational vessels less than 26 feet long with an engine cutoff switch installed to use a lanyard or wireless engine cutoff switch link.

This law applies to all boats that currently have a functioning engine cutoff device installed at the helm, wirelessly, or on an outboard engine. It also applies to boats manufactured beginning January 2020.

Exceptions to this law include vessels where

- the main helm is within an enclosed cabin,
- the motor is incapable of 115 pounds of static thrust,
- or the vessel isn't operating on plane or at displacement speed, for example, while fishing or docking.

The penalty for not complying is \$100 for a first-time offense.



Picture and article courtesy of USPS Compass.

Proposed District Bylaw Modifications

In the 2020 Audit, the Audit Committee recommended that the approval of the annual budget be moved from the Fall Conference to the Spring Conference. The purpose of this was so that the District Treasurer could more accurately estimate the majority of the next fiscal year's costs.

This proposal was made to the Spring Conference and was approved. Following that vote, the Rules Committee Chair, Betsy Tyrrell, contacted the National Rules Committee to get their approval. They did approve it but also suggested a few modifications to bring our Bylaws up-to-date with the National 'model' bylaws. The new proposed bylaws with modifications in red can be viewed at: http://www.uspsdistrict1.org/minutes/2021_D-1_Proposed_Bylaws.pdf

These changes will be proposed and brought for a vote at the June Council and Fall Conference. Following approval, they will be submitted to National and made permanent.



Get your Squadron more involved with Civic Activity.

Two Power Squadron activities that do a lot of good for the boating community are:

Vessel Safety Checks. You can become a Vessel Safety Examiner and be your Marina's 'go-to' person for inspections. Your fellow boaters will appreciate having the USCG sticker attesting to the fact that they have been inspected and met the basic requirements for boating safety. It may even save them a USCG inspection.

You will take a short course, pass a test, and do 5 checks a year to maintain your qualifications. Contact D/Lt/C Pat Pabouet, District VSC Chair, at argus06108@aol.com to find out more.

CoOp Charting. Again, you can help the boating community as well as the USCG to make sure Nautical Aids to Navigation (ATONs) are properly located. We also report problems such as missing numbers, poor paint job, obscured by foliage, etc.

Going on a CoOp outing is a fun group event with a few hours checking ATONs and perhaps a lunch at a landing. Reports of problems are then made to the USCG and all inspections are reported to the USPS CoOp Committee for credit. All the reporting is on-line and fairly straight-forward.

Our District was 8th in the country due to Hartford's efforts. If a few more Squadrons got involved, we could do even better. For more information please contact P/C Roger Breunig, AP/LM, District CoOp Chair, at ptgezer@yahoo.com.

National Awards *The following awards were presented by USPS for the year 2020-21.*

50 Merit Mark Governing Board Emeritus

P/C Eugene Sullivan, JN Middletown

Life Members (25 Merit Marks):

Thomas Adams, AP Norwich

2020 "Distinctive Communicator Award" for Publications

District 1	Sounds of 1
Hartford	The Bilge Pump
Middletown	The Jib Sheet
New Haven	Bulletin
Norwich	The Compass Rose
Waterbury	Pharos Beacon
Springfield	The Flying Bridge

2020 "Distinctive Communicator Award" for Websites

Hartford Power Squadron
Meriden Power Squadron
Middletown Power Squadron
New Haven Power Squadron
Norwich Power Squadron
Waterbury Power Squadron

2020 CoOp Charting Awards (Nautical)

District 1 8th in USPS
Hartford Power Squadron Honor Roll, 8th in USPS

National Awards (continued)

Annual awards for contributions to the National Education Fund for 2020 with a 100% contribution

Hartford	22 nd Year
Middletown	7 th Year
New Britain	26 th Year
Norwich	20 th Year
Westerly	10 th Year

2020 Membership Growth and Retention Certificate

Middletown Squadron Honorable Mention

District Awards *The following awards were presented by District 1 for the year 2020-21.*

District VSC Awards for most VSCs

There were no VSCs this year because of Covid.

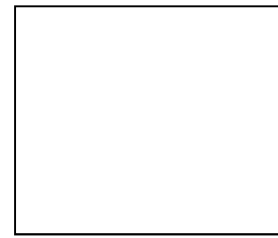
Historian's Award 100% of squadron histories through 2019-20

P/D/Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN	Hartford
Cdr Ken Bell, Sr., AP	Meriden
Cdr Paul Bialecki, P	New Britain
D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	Norwich
Susan Mucciacciaro, P	Waterbury
Cdr Egbert E. Most, SN	Waterbury
D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	District 1

Sail Race

P/D/C Arthur Andrea, AP	1st	New Haven
D/Lt/C Peter DePascale, AP	2 nd	New Haven





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Education Officer	D/Lt/C George Gilbert, JN	860-836-8930
Admin Officer	D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P	203-232-1277
Secretary	D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	860-908-3877
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN	203-234-7794

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2019 U.S. Coast Guard Boating Statistics

- The fatality rate was 5.2 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels based on 4,168 accidents involving 613 deaths. This rate represents a 1.9% decrease from the 2018 fatality rate of 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
- Property damage totaled more than \$55 million.
- Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 23% of deaths.
- Where cause of death was known, 79% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 86% were not wearing a life jacket.
- Where length was known, eight out of every ten boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.
- Where instruction was known, 70% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction.
- There were 171 accidents in which at least one person was struck by a propeller. Collectively, these accidents resulted in 35 deaths and 155 injuries.
- Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed, and alcohol use rank as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.
- The most common vessel types involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (45%), personal watercraft (19%), and cabin motorboats (16%). Where data was known, the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (48%), kayaks (14%), and personal watercraft (8%).

