

Spring

2023

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District 1 Fall Conference

The District Fall Conference was held on 29 November, 2022 at the Bradford Manor Fire House, East Haven, CT.

We had an excellent presentation by Dave and Candace McDougall telling about their experiences in preparing for and navigating the 'Great Loop'. Their preparation included: web references for the 'Looper' Community; how to prepare for your trip; the itinerary for the trip; many hints; and finally 'takeaways' from their trip. They are ready to go again.

For more information on their presentation as well as the full minutes of the meeting please take this link or go to the District Website and follow the links to the Sounds of 1 page to find the minutes: [2022FallConferenceMinutes.pdf](https://www.usps.org/2022FallConferenceMinutes.pdf) ([uspsdistrict1.org](https://www.usps.org/uspsdistrict1.org))

ABC Recertification Class. D/Lt/C George Gilbert, JN, our District Education Officer, led 11 District ABC Instructors through the required Recertification Class to maintain their NASBLA Certification to teach ABC. He also reported that Lt/C Eric Burdett, SN, Education Officer of the Waterbury Squadron, has held a class to recertify 6 Waterbury ABC Instructors.



From the Helm: Cdr Arthur Andrea, AP

I would like to start by saying thank you for allowing me to be your Commander for the last two years. I would like to thank all my Officers on the District Bridge and those serving on committees for their efforts over the last two years.

I'm heading down to the National Annual Meeting in Florida. I hope to bring back new information to help all of our Squadron's. On a sad note, I have to announce that the District is losing two Squadrons, Milford and Westerly. They have had many years serving the public but are just not able to keep going.

I would like to congratulate the New Haven Sail and Power Squadron on their Change of Watch and new Commander, Peter Jenkin, as well as all of their officers.

I hope to see everyone at the spring Conference on March 18th. I wish the incoming Officers good luck for the up-coming year.

Please have Fair Winds and Following Seas'!

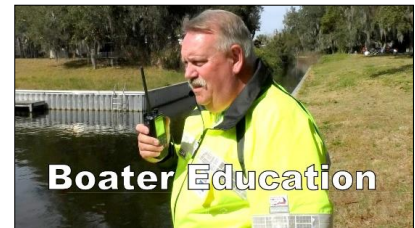
Spring Conference Program Features: 'Diving the Wrecks' with Richard Simon, Vice President of Operations for Shore LineDiving in CT. Richard will lead us through his experiences diving to ship wrecks throughout Long Island Sound, Buzzards Bay, and the waters around Cape Cod. We all will enjoy hearing about the ships we might have sailed over.



America's Boating Channel™ : Promoting Boater Education to Our Members and the Public

As production of **America's Boating Channel™** Season Seven gets underway, remember the channel has six seasons of videos archived and available to help educate ourselves and others.

An outstanding example is the video "[Boater Education.](#)" which underscores the importance and value of taking boating safety courses. Viewers learn about online, classroom, and on-the-water educational offerings.



Screening boater education videos is an excellent way to prepare for safer experiences on the water. "Boater Education" reminds us about required safety equipment and that we need to know the rules of the road when operating a boat.

Taking the concepts in this video a step further, America's Boating Channel produced a sequel entitled "[Knowledge Versus Skills.](#)" It covers differences between boating knowledge and boating skills and why it matters. Viewers learn approaches to take to improve their boating abilities and what pitfalls to avoid in boater education.



These videos also are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

Available on YouTube, **America's Boating Channel offers quick and easy access to** professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.



CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2023 SPRING CONFERENCE

DATE: Saturday, 18 March, 2023
HOST: New Britain Squadron
TIME: 0900
PLACE: East Glastonbury Fish and Game Association
 Planeta Rd, Marlborough, 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 Arthur Andrea, AP
 Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance D/Lt Ken Bell, Sr., AP
 Invocation and Remembrance Ceremony D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P, Chaplain
 Bagpipes by: 1SG Mark Otterson, 2nd. Co. Governor’s Foot Guard
 Introduction of Past District Commanders in attendance P/D/C Charles F. Greenbacker, JN
 Introductions of Guests and Head Table D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
 Welcome to the Conference CD Paul Bialecki, P, New Britain Squadron
 Conference Roll Call: D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
- 0915 **Message** from the Chief Commander V/C Charles “Chuck” Wells, SN
- 0930 **Conference Program:** ‘Diving the Wrecks’ Richard Simon
- 1030 **Departmental Workshops:** *for Officers indicated, and others interested*
 Commander’s Meeting D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
 Education Officer’s Meeting D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN
 Secretary Meeting D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
- 1130 **Attitude Adjustment** — Insignia Swap.
- 1200 **Luncheon**--See page 4 for menu and reservations.
 * Awards presentation by D/C Arthur Andrea, AP and V/C Charles “Chuck” Wells, SN
 * Raffle
- 1400 **Reconvene the Conference** – Business Meeting
Action on the minutes of the 19 November, 2022 Fall Conference
Reports of the District Officers
 District Commander D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
 Executive Officer D/Lt/C Patrick Pabouet, P
 Educational Officer D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN
 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 D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN
 Rules Betsy Tyrrell, A
 Planning P/D/C Elaine L Williams, AP
 Nominating P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN
 Law P/C Theodore J. Wurzp, P
- Unfinished Business**
- New Business**
 Presentation and Approval of the 2023-24 Budget D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN
 Nominating Committee Report P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN



Election of Officers and Committee Members V/C Charles "Chuck" Wells, SN
Change of Watch V/C Charles "Chuck" Wells, SN
Confirm the date and location for the 2023 Fall Conference, Host: New Haven Squadron
Consideration of any other business that should come before this meeting

1530 **Benediction**

Chaplain D/Lt Paul Bialecki, P

Adjournment

By Order of the District Commander:
D/C Arthur Andrea, AP

Directions to East Glastonbury Fish and Game Association. 101 Planeta Rd., Marlborough, CT.

From Hartford, Rt 2 east to exit 12, left onto West Rd, Left onto Planeta Rd.

From Colchester, Rt 2 west to exit 13, left on Rt 66 to a right onto N Main St., N Main to right on West Rd, West Rd to left onto Planeta Rd.

D1 Spring Conference Luncheon

The menu will be a buffet of: chicken piccata, beef stroganoff, mixed vegetables, roasted potatoes, salad, rolls and butter. Beer & wine 'donation' bar will be open for "Attitude Adjustment". Please send check for \$25 per person, made out to "USPS-D-1" by March 10th to: Peter Jenkin, 26 Essex Glen Dr, Essex, CT 06426. Please make your reservations, as walk-ins may not be served a meal.

Pre-Conference Dinner: Location TBD. We will send out an email with the location and it will be on the 'Sounds of 1' website for those getting only a paper copy. 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!

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.

Hartford Power Squadron's 2nd Annual Boat Show and Swap Meet

The Hartford Power Squadron is sponsoring a boat show and swap meet at the Westbrook Outlets, 314 Flat Rock Place, Westbrook, CT on Saturday, 22 April, 2023. The Outlets are located off of Rt 153 between I-95 and Rt 1.

This boat show and swap meet is going to be larger than last year with 150 spaces available to rent for the day at a price of \$25. Non-members and commercial organizations will be there as well as up to 6 food trucks. You can bring a boat to sell or just stuff you don't need. We are expecting vendors with new boats as well.

We will be having extensive advertising including the Westbrook Outlet electronic sign on Rt 153, emails to over 12,000 Outlet customers, signs in establishments, etc.

Make your plans now to sell your 'stuff' or buy more. Click the link below to find out more and reserve a space:

hartfordpowersquadron.com/Events/SwapMeet.html

Second Annual
**BOAT SHOW
& SWAP MEET**
presented by
HARTFORD POWER SQUADRONS

8 A.M. TO 3 P.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2023
WESTBROOK OUTLETS, 314 FLAT ROCK PL., WESTBROOK, CT 06498
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD

This family-friendly event will feature a variety of food trucks as well as items for sale. Not restricted to boats and boating equipment/ services, vendors will showcase locally made crafts, unique jewelry, one-of-a-kind gifts, clothing, tools, and much more! Vendor reservations are still available but going fast at only \$25 each for each 8x8 foot space; more information and a reservation are available by emailing swapmeet@hartfordpowersquadron.com today!

In addition, members of the Hartford Power Squadron will be available to help boaters access its courses, including basic water safety information that will qualify students to obtain their required certification from the state of Connecticut.

All proceeds will benefit the Hartford Power Squadron's mission to advance boating education, safety and the camaraderie of recreational boating.

westbrook OUTLETS
Hartford Power Squadron

Bring the kids and have a fun time at this outdoor event!



DISTRICT 1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Report of the District 1 Nominating Committee For the 2023-2024 one-year term

Commander	D/Lt/C Patrick Pabouet, P	Hartford
Exec. Officer	Open	
Educ. Officer	P/C Arthur Andrea, AP	New Haven
Admin. Officer	Cdr William J. Waseleski, AP	Hartford
Secretary	D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	Norwich
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN	New Haven
Asst. Ed. Officer	Open	
Asst. Admin.	Open	
Asst. Secretary	D/1 st /Lt RuthAnne Collins, P	Norwich
Asst. Treasurer	Open	

Rules Committee

2021-2024	Betsy Tyrell, S	Meriden
2022-2025	P/D/Lt/C Barbara T. Huber, AP	Springfield

Audit Committee

2021-2024	P/D/C George M. Gilbert, JN	Middletown
2023-2026	Open	

Planning Committee

2022-2025	P/C Eugene H. Lewis, Jr., N	Norwich
2023-2026	P/C Ken Bell, Sr., AP	Meriden

Nominating Committee

2022-2025	P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN	Hartford
2023-2026	Open	

Law Officer

2022-2025	P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P	Hartford
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The Nominating Committee

P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, Chair

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.

23-25 June D-1 June Rendezvous, Safe Harbor 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 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.

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

7-9 July Mini Cruise to Port Jefferson YC

We will join the New Haven Squadron on this cruise. Arrival Friday, plenty to do on Saturday including a 'Happy Hour' on the Commander's 'Pearl'. Checkout on Sunday.

15 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 Fishing Derby

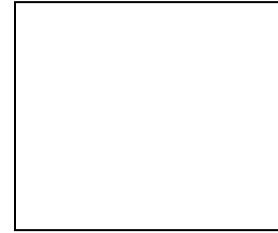
Date awaiting information on tides. Fishing begins at 0800 and ends at 1400. Please contact Gene Lewis if you would like to participate. Awards Picnic is at 1600 at the Lewis Cottage, 25 Nichols Lane, Waterford, CT 06385. Bring a side dish and \$5. Please call Linda Lewis if you plan to attend. 860-442-4740.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

Bio of our Chief Commander's Representative, V/C Charles "Chuck" Wells, SN

Charles "Chuck" Wells, SN has been nominated to be the next National Education Officer. After retiring as an intelligence officer in 2005, Chuck joined USPS and volunteered to teach all facets of boating. He has Chaired the Marine Environment Com, the Instructor Development Com, and the Navigation Committee. Also, in the Administrative Department, he chaired Member Benefits. He has taught many of our courses and seminars but most enjoys teaching Weather and Inland and Coastal Navigation. Chuck has held leadership positions at the squadron and district levels. He also served as an instructor with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Department of Natural Resources in Maryland. He holds a Coast Guard captain's license.

Chuck was born in Baltimore, Maryland and was raised on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. He has crewed, owned, and leased power, sail, and paddle craft here and abroad. With over 50 years of experience on the water, he understands the importance of education in the safe operation of recreational vessels. Chuck holds a BS in Geography, an MPA (Master of Public Administration), and an MS in Economics with undergraduate work in Climatology. He also completed work towards a certificate of Ocean Education from the University of Virginia. Since 2019, Chuck and his wife, Deany Blades, have enjoyed living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Their daughter, and previous crew member for Chuck, resides in New York





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Education Officer	D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN	860-836-8930
Admin Officer	Open	
Secretary	D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	860-442-4740
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN	203-234-7794

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District 1 Holiday Party

The District held its Annual Holiday Party at Campagna's Restaurant in Portland on 4 December. The buffet was excellent as usual and everyone had a lot of fun with Jim Sisti's 'Amazing Magic and Comedy', entertainment. The highlight of the 'Yankee Swap' was a Stanley Satellite LED Work Light (even more than the honey last year).

Our thanks go to D/Lt/C George Gilbert, JN for organizing the meal, and to Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP for organizing the entertainment.

Photos clockwise: District Commander Art Andrea and his wife Geri holding one of the 'Toys for Tots'; Jim Sisti doing one of his magic tricks; Dave Waseleski with his 'Yankee Swap' gift;

Linda Greenbacker was the first 'owner' of the Stanley LED Light, but not for long.

Photos by: Jeanne Waseleski

