

Spring

2025

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District 1 Fall Conference

The District Fall Conference was held on 16 November, 2024 at Filomena's Restaurant in Waterford, CT. The Norwich Squadron was the host. The following is excerpted from the minutes of D/Lt/C Linda Lewis, AP.

Message from Chief Commander Ralph Bernard, AP The Chief Commander spoke in a video about the changes occurring in the web site that are still being worked on and updated. Another new development is that USPS insurance CHUBB is being discontinued as of December 1, 2024. Right now, the only coverage is for On-The-Water training. They are scrambling to obtain other coverage but asked that we all be patient. The annual meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida in February. He encouraged members to attend. *Ed: Since the Conference, National has obtained insurance for the majority of our activities.*

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From the Helm: Cdr Patrick Pabouet, P

I was particularly struck by Commander Peter Jenkin's message in the January issue of the New Haven Power and Sail Squadron's 'Bulletin'. He has allowed me to excerpt a portion here:

Apathy. It leads to problems, injuries, and sometimes death. When people don't care about proper seamanship, proper fueling precautions, proper equipment, etc. it leads to bad outcomes. When a boat bound to Old Saybrook from Block Island, at night, hit the east breakwater at the mouth of the Connecticut River, was it piloted by someone who had cared to take courses such as Piloting or Seamanship? Possibly not. When a boat exploded at a marina while fueling, again in Old Saybrook, was the operator aware of correct fueling procedures? Again, possibly not.

Such incidents highlight the importance of education. That is what we here at the New Haven Sail and Power Squadron (NHSPS) have been offering for over one hundred years. It's unfortunate that too few boat owners understand the need to take our courses,

Apathy dominates the boating culture today. There seems to be a reliance on electronic devices without knowledge of what those devices are doing. Many new boaters seem to think that getting the ABC course out of the way is sufficient and only take it because it's required in CT. They're not taking the course to learn but to simply get the Boating Safety Certificate.

What can we, as Power Squadron members, do to help this situation. We can help give courses. We can help with the organization of our Squadrons. We can help find young boaters at our marinas that might need this education. We can give Vessel Safety Checks at our marinas. All of these activities put the U.S. Power Squadron front and center in boaters' minds. Sign them up!

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Update on iMIS: P/D/C/Lt Cliff McKibbin, SN reported on the new iMIS program. In the latest version of iMIS, Secretaries can update members and print out invoice for dues. For merit marks the old system still works. As for National sending out dues notices, they say that they are now up-to-date and are sending out 3 emails and one paper copy before a member goes on 'non-renewal'.

Program: Bob Petzold of Petzold's Marina, President of the family business and executive board member of CMTA spoke to us on trends in the boating industry. He noted that there are 96,000 registered boats in Connecticut. During COVID there were 400,000 boats sold. The USA manufactures 95% of these boats. Unlike during Covid, there is plenty of inventory and factories are offering incentives again.

Major issues confronting marinas and boat dealers include:

- Dredging, which involves dumping the removed materials. Many of these dumping sites have been shut down because of Federal and Government regulations.
- Invasive species, specifically hydrilla, which can be treated but comes back year after year.
- Storm water disposal regulations and the disposal of non-toxic anti-freeze.
- Technicians for engine repairs and maintenance. They are trying to partner with technical schools/colleges to develop courses and attract students to the industry. There are 13,000 people employed in boating in CT.
- Lithium battery exposure to salt water, which can cause fires.

New technology that makes boating so much easier but is pricy includes joystick docking and gyro stabilization. Because of these new technologies including GPS and Chart Plotters as well as the trend toward 'day boating' using smaller boats, jet skis, and pontoon boats, boaters don't think they need education, which is worrisome.

For the full minutes of the meeting please take this link to the District Website and follow the menu item for 'Officers and Documents': <https://usps.org/d1/> .

CALL AND AGENDA FOR 2025 SPRING CONFERENCE

DATE: Saturday, 15 March, 2025
HOST: Saybrook Squadron
TIME: 0900
PLACE: Campagna Restaurant, Portland, 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/uniforms for others to use.
- 0900 **Call to Order:** D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
 Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance D/Lt Ken Bell, Sr., AP
 Invocation and Remembrance Ceremony P/D/C Herb 'Bud' Greenbacker, SN
 Introduction of Past District Commanders in attendance P/D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN
 Introductions of Guests and Head Table D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
 Welcome to the Conference Cdr Chris Vanderstad, P, Saybrook Squadron
 Conference Roll Call: D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP
- 0915 **Message** from the Chief Commander TBD
- 0930 **Conference Program** "Offshore Wind Activities" CT Wind Collaborative/Sea Services NA
- 1030 **Departmental Workshops:** *for Officers indicated, and others interested*
 Commander's Meeting D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
 Education Officer's Meeting D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP
 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 Patrick Pabouet, P and Chief's Representative
 * Raffle
- 1400 **Reconvene the Conference** – Business Meeting
 Action on the minutes of the 16 November 2024 Fall Conference
 Reports of the District Officers
 District Commander D/C Patrick Pabouet, P
 Executive Officer D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P
 Educational Officer D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP
 Administrative Officer D/Lt/C William J. Waseleski, 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/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, JN
 Rules Betsy Tyrrell, A
 Planning Cdr Eugene HJ. Lewis, Jr., N
 Nominating P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN
 Law P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P
- Unfinished Business**
- New Business**
 Presentation and Approval of the 2025-26 Budget D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN
 Nominating Committee Report P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN
 Election of Officers and Committee Members Chief's Representative
 Change of Watch Chief's Representative



Confirm the date and location for the 2025 Fall Conference, Host: Waterbury Squadron
Consideration of any other business that should come before this meeting.

1530 **Benediction**

P/D/C Herb 'Bud' Greenbacker, SN

Adjournment

By Order of the District Commander:

D/C Patrick Pabouet, P

Directions to Campagna Restaurant, 151 Marlborough St., Portland, CT

From Rt 9 in Middletown, take exit 24, right on Main St, over the bridge, and right on Marlborough St. Campagna's is on the right.

D1 Spring Conference Luncheon

The menu will be a buffet of: Appetizer: Zuppa D'Mussels, Salad of mixed greens, Sausage and Peppers, Chicken Francaise, Penne a la Vodka, bread and butter, coffee, and tea. Cash bar for **"Attitude Adjustment"**. Please send check for **\$30 per person**, made out to **"USPS-D-1"** by **March 8th** to: Peter Jenkin, 26 Essex Glen Dr, Essex, CT 06426.

For an on-line reservation: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-d1-spring-conference>

Please make your reservations, as walk-ins may not be served a meal.

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

Spring Conference Program. "Offshore Wind Activities"

The Connecticut Wind Collaborative, a nonprofit organization that serves as the epicenter for offshore energy, will be presenting on the state's ongoing offshore wind activities, including at the State Pier in New London. Sea Services NA will provide an overview of how they support these efforts, emphasizing their premier scout and safety services that enhance offshore operations, ensuring safe and efficient execution of wind energy projects.

Speakers: Kristin Urbach, Executive Director of the Connecticut Wind Collaborative and Gordon Videll, Chief Executive Officer, Sea Services North America.

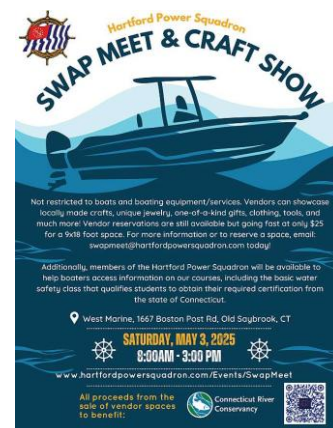


**Hartford Power Squadron's
9th Annual Swap Meet and Craft Show**

The Hartford Power Squadron will be hosting its annual boat show and swap meet at West Marine, 1667 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, CT on Saturday, 3 May 2025.

This family-friendly event will feature cookout-style food as well as items for sale. Not restricted to boats and boating equipment/services. Vendors can showcase locally made crafts, unique jewelry, one-of-a-kind gifts, clothing, tools, and much more!

Vendor reservations are available at only \$25 for a 9x18-foot space. For more information or to reserve a space, email: swapmeet@hartfordpowersquadron.com today!



DISTRICT 1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Report of the District 1 Nominating Committee

For the 2025-2026 one-year term

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| Commander | D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P | Waterbury |
| Exec. Officer | D/Lt/C William J. Waseleski, AP | Hartford |
| Educ. Officer | D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP | New Haven |
| Admin. Officer | Open | |
| Secretary | Open | |
| Treasurer | D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN | New Haven |
| Asst. Ed. Officer | Open | |
| Asst. Admin. | Open | |
| Asst. Secretary | Open | |
| Asst. Treasurer | P/D/Lt/C Barbara T. Huber, AP | Springfield |

Rules Committee

Betsy Tyrell, S Meriden

Audit Committee

P/D/C George M. Gilbert, JN Middletown

Lt./C Kevin F. Abbey, AP Springfield

P/D/C Herb (Bud) Greenbacker, SN Meriden

Planning Committee

Cdr Eugene H. Lewis, Jr., N Norwich

P/C Ken Bell, Sr., AP Meriden

Nominating Committee

D/C Patrick Pabouet, P Hartford

Open

Law Officer

P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P Hartford

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.

If your squadron has planned activities, please let us know.

June TBD

D-1 June Rendezvous, Middlesex YC, Chester, CT.

Boating members will arrive Friday evening. Non-boating members will begin arriving at 10:00 on Saturday and enjoy the pool and other activities. A light lunch will be served, the council held at 13:00, followed by the blessing of the fleet, the Commander's cocktail party and a picnic.

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

July TBD

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. Everyone is welcome to attend the picnic even if you don't fish.

Past District Commander Charles F. 'Charlie' Greenbacker, JN

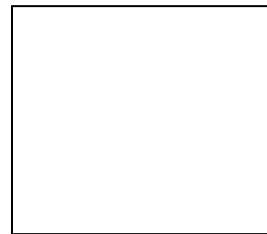
We are sorry to announce that Charlie passed away on 1 February 2025. Charlie served as Commander of District 1 from 2019 to 2021. Charlie was a member of the Norwich Power Squadron and was very active in his Squadron as well as the District.

D/Lt/C Linda Lewis, AP, our District Secretary, reports that Charlie and his wife Linda joined the Norwich Power Squadron in December of 2006. He served as Commander of NPS 2010-2013 and served the squadron as a Flag Lt, Nominating Chair, Asst Ed Officer, and Ed Officer. Charlie had 14 Merit Marks and on sunny days he and Linda could be found at Shennecossett Yacht Club on their Silverton, Tide 'N Knots.

Charlie served District 1 as Adm Officer and Executive Officer prior to service as Commander.

Picture: Charlie (4th from left) with his D1 Bridge, Spring, 2019





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| Admin Officer | D/Lt/C William J. Waseleski, AP | 860-212-2636 |
| Secretary | D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP | 860-908-3877 |
| Treasurer | D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN | 203-606-5028 |

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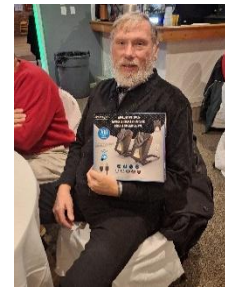
District Holiday Party ---- Featured Dennis Nardella Music and the Yankee Swap!

District 1 hosted its holiday party on Sunday, 15 December, at the Middletown Elks Lodge, 44 Maynard St, Middletown, CT.



The turnout was very good with 38 members and guests enjoying a very nice buffet spread with Chicken Marsala, penne marinara with shredded parmigiana, Kara homemade meatballs in marinara, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, sautéed mixed vegetable medley, salad, assorted toasted dinner rolls and butter, dessert, and coffee.

We want to thank the Middletown Elks for their hospitality, Chef Mike Karabella’s catering for the outstanding meal, and of course, Dennis Nardella, for his entertainment with his music selections.



One of the least loved prizes, the ‘owl’ was loved by Ashley Waseleski of the Hartford Squadron.

Photo by Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN

For fun we again had a Yankee-Swap. There were a lot of ‘swapped’ items with the ‘work light’ changing hands 5-6 times.

Lt/C Ed Englehardt, Jr. of the New Britain Squadron took home the raffle proceeds.

Photo by Cdr Paul Bialecki, P

The ‘Hot Item’ this year was a ‘work light’ finally claimed by P/C Tim Tyler of the Hartford Squadron.

Photo by Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN

