



Summer

2025

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District 1 2025-2026 Bridge

L to R: District Commander Charles L. Marino, P,
 Treasurer Peter Jenkin, SN,
 Executive Officer William J. Waseleski, AP,
 Education Officer Arthur Andrea, AP

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“From the Helm”

Good day, members of District 1. It appears we are finally shrugging off the signs of winter. I saw on the News the bears are out and roaming and I noticed the Tulips in my front yard are about to open. I sincerely hope your April religious holidays were enjoyable.

I want to extend my personal thanks to Past Commander Pat Pabouet, P for his outstanding leadership of District 1 for the last two years, to our past Secretary, P/D/Lt/C Linda Lewis, AP for her years of dedication, and to all our Squadron Commanders and members for your help. Your District Bridge still has openings to fill, please consider taking a job at the District level.

The District Bridge and Squadron Commanders have put together a number of fun summer activities for our members and their families as outlined in this issue of the *Sounds of 1*. Please come to one or more of our activities and bring your friends. I hope you'll participate and keep the District alive and active.

I was asked if we might plan a trip to the United States Coast Guard Academy. Although we don't have a date yet, would you please reach out to me if you would be interested in attending, and if by boat or car. This event would be a three-day weekend (if you choose) Friday to Sunday. I'll let you know how things proceed.

I'll sign off for now but hope to see you at the June Rendezvous. It's a great chance to visit Cedar Island Marina.

Charles Marino, P, Commander, District 1

2025 Spring Conference (excerpts from the minutes of P/D/Lt/C Linda Lewis, AP)

Message from Chief Commander Ralph Bernard, AP: District 2 D/C Susan Darcy, JN reported that the USPS goal is to grow its membership. We need to be more visible so people will know who we are. National is involved in three events currently. The first is iMIS from which we can get information on our squadrons more efficiently. Updating information, paying dues, etc. The second is that USPS has signed a contract with a marketing company who will increase our brand awareness and promote boating education and membership. And thirdly our membership needs to be more vibrant and enthusiastic in boating education and boating safety. Be proud of USPS. Be enthusiastic. Let's share our enthusiasm and let's move forward.

D/C Susan Darcy, JN noted that we should get in touch with Yvonne Hill at headquarters if there are questions regarding iMIS. She also suggested that squadrons should offer to teach a free course. She emphasized that National membership is working on changing its image. She also highlighted the insurance issue which as most of us know our USPS insurance company is a new one. If you teach a class or have a function, the date and event has to be listed with the insurance company and it will not cover alcohol. Some squadrons are buying their own insurance in order to have alcohol at their events. Vessel Safety Checks are not covered unless permission to board is given and then the responsibility falls on the boat owner.

Program: Administrative officer William Waseleski, AP introduced our guest speaker, Kristin Urbach, Executive Director of the Connecticut Wind Collaborative. She spoke about the Connecticut Offshore Wind Strategic Roadmap which included infrastructure and real estate, the supply chain, the workforce expansion existing with future development and research and development. The State Pier in New London, CT is the staging site for the off shore wind farms. She noted that there have been some navigational hazards with the birds, whales for which sonar capabilities are being used.

Gordon Videll, Chief Executive Officer for Sea Services North America spoke to us about their partnering with fishermen who are monitoring the sea area for laying cables and being guard boats around the construction area. These are very large fishing vessels with a crew who has been specially trained to communicate with the construction crews for mammal siting, and other issues that may arise during their guarding and protecting of the construction area.

D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP, our District Education Officer, informed us of the new National Educational platform for ordering materials. Piloting is now Marine Navigation. AP is now Advanced Marine Navigation. National has added 'Offshore



Navigation' and 'Celestial Navigation' to take the place of JN and N. Current elective courses include Cruising, Marine Communications, Marine Electronics, Radar, Sail, and Instructor Training.

There are new life jacket labeling from the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Life Jackets will be labeled for sizing 1 thru 10 which are based on the amount of floatation needed.

Eric Lundin, AP of the Hartford Squadron highlighted the new DEEP website information on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Decal which is for registered vessels using CT inland waters/fresh water.

Cdr Henry Mikucki, N Springfield Squadron noted that Massachusetts has a new law now requiring all licensed boaters to have passed a class. He said that he has had numerous inquiries about classes. One MA boat dealer is offering his show room for a class and the Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club will be holding a class. He only has 3 instructors.

National Coast Guard Museum. The construction of the new National Coast Guard Museum in New London will include a 'Paver' wall for organizations to purchase a paver to support the Museum. Larger pavers can be purchased for \$1,700 and the smaller one for \$1,000. It was suggested that possibly D1 could purchase a larger one and each squadron then purchase the smaller one to go around the district one. A motion was made for District 1 to purchase the larger paver for the National Coast Guard Museum. The motion was seconded and passed. It was agreed that the D1 Bridge would develop the wording on the District paver. Admin Officer Bill Waseleski will send out a request for Squadrons to purchase the smaller pavers if they wish to.

Approval of the audit and next year's budget. The Audit Report for 2024-25 was read and the Conference voted to approve it. D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN then presented the draft budget for the fiscal year 2025-26 and the Conference voted to approve it.

Election of Officers. The slate of Officers for 2025-26 presented in the Spring *Sounds of 1* was read by the Nominating Chair. D/C Susan Darcy, JN then carried out the election and installation of the Bridge.

Join us for the 2025 June Rendezvous and Council **Non-Members are welcome! Bring your Boating Buddies!**

Cedar Island Marina, 34 Riverside Drive, Clinton, CT

Date: Friday 20 June to Sunday 22 June 2025

Hosts: The D1 Bridge

Dress: TEAM Casual – Polo Shirts with USPS or
Squadron Affiliation

Saturday, 21 June

0900 -- Coffee and 'other' provided by the D1 Bridge

0930 -- District 1 Council Meeting

1030 -- Blessing of the Fleet

1100 – Free time to look over the Marina

No beer, wine or alcohol is allowed due to insurance issues.

1200 -- Lunch, cooking by the D1 Bridge

1300 -- Raffle



Picnic Menu. All of the food will be **provided by District 1**. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni salad, tossed salad, corn on the cob, soda water, and coffee.

Dessert. Each Squadron is asked to bring a dessert for 8-10 people.

Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$10 for age 5-12, no charge for children.

Send your check made to "USPS-D1" to Peter Jenkin, 26 Essex Glen Dr, Essex, CT 06426-1563 or use the link below to pay on-line. You can donate to the website we are using or enter '0' for 'none'. Please send your check or pay on-line by 14 June.

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/usps-district-1-council-and-rendezvous>

Teacup Auction: Each Squadron is asked to bring an item to be auctioned off in a 'Tea Cup' auction. There will be both a 50/50 raffle and members can purchase additional tickets for the Tea Cup Auction.

Contact: D/Lt/C Bill Waseleski, AP, at wjwaseleski@gmail.com for further questions.

Transient overnight slips are available at \$5.25/ foot.

Directions to drive to Cedar Island Marina, 134 Riverside Drive, Clinton, CT

From CT-9 S. At Haddam take exit 15 onto CT-81 S; Just under the I 95 bridge, turn right onto N High St

From I-95 E. Take Exit 63 and turn right onto N High St

From I-05 W. Take exit 63 and turn right onto CT-81 S; Just under the I 95 bridge, turn right onto N High St

From N High St, turn left onto W Main St and a quick right onto Grove St

Turn right onto Riverside Dr

12 July: District Sail Race with the Branford Yacht Club

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



Art Andrea in "Tre Scooch"
File photo by Kelly Fryer of Branford, CT

25 July: District Fishing Derby with the Norwich Squadron

District 1 is invited to join Norwich Power Squadron's 23rd annual fishing derby/picnic on 25 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.

For more fishing information please contact Cdr Gene Lewis at 860-442-4740. If you have a big group and don't have a boat, you might want to try the Tartan II (see below). You don't have to fish to come to the picnic. Please RSVP who will be coming to Linda Lewis at 860-442-4740 or linleelew1@comcast.net. The cost is \$5 plus a side dish. Come and enjoy a wonderful time.

Other Summer Fun!

Here are more activities that members have recommended. If your Squadron wants to sponsor a trip to one of these, please let us know and we can promote it.

*Essex, CT. RiverQuest Cruises from the Essex museum. Day and evening cruises as well as 'Light house' cruises. <https://ctriverquest.com/contact/>

*Providence, RI. Gondola Ride with La Gondola. 40 minute rides with ice bucket and snacks. <https://www.gondolari.com/>

*New London, CT. Light House cruises with Cross Sound Cruises. <https://www.lighthouse.cruises/>

*Old Mystic Village, CT. Art Shows, Farmer's market, Strawberry Festival. <https://oldemistickvillage.com/news-events/>

*The Tartan II, New London is available for charter for groups of 6 or more at \$125/person. <https://tartaniifishing.com/>



Gene Lewis and Gerry Pineault present Jan Thibodeau with an award for the largest pogy in 2023.
Photo by RuthAnne Collins

National Awards *The following awards were presented by USPS for the year 2024-25.*

Life Membership - 25 Merit Marks

Lt/C Kenneth Bell, Jr, AP Meriden
 Lt/C Linda DeConti New Britain

50 Year Membership

P/C Robert Cika, JN Middletown
 Peter Askham, AP Hartford
 P/D/C William Wells, AP New Britain

2024 “Distinctive Communicator Award” for Publications

District 1 Sounds of 1
 Hartford The Bilge Pump
 Middletown The Jib Sheet
 Norwich The Compass Rose
 Waterbury Pharos Beacon

2024 “Distinctive Communicator Award” for Websites

District 1
 Hartford Power Squadron
 New Haven Power Squadron
 Waterbury Power Squadron

2024 CoOp Charting Awards

District 1 7th in USPS
 Hartford Power Squadron, Honor Roll 9th in USPS

Annual awards for contributions to the National Education Fund for 2024 with a 100% contribution

Hartford 26th Year
 Meriden 8th Year
 Middletown 11th Year
 New Britain 30th Year
 Springfield 22st Year

Are You Missing Our Emails!

71 of our District 1 members do not have an email address on file. This means the only communications you get are paper publications. You may be missing out on last minute announcements of squadron activities, cancellation of events, and other important communications from your Squadron, District, and National.

If you are getting this issue via paper copy, you can send us your email and we will update DB 2000 so you can get it via email. If you still want a paper copy, you can let us know and we will send it via both email and paper copy.

District Awards *The following awards were presented by District 1 for the year 2024-25.*

District VSC Awards for most VSCs in 2024

P/D/C Walter Wiegert, Jr., SN Saybrook 1st (29)
 Lt/C Eric Burdett, SN Waterbury 2nd (22)
 D/Lt/C Art Andrea, AP New Haven 3rd (20)

Squadron Awards

Saybrook 1st (29)
 Waterbury 2nd (22)
 New Haven 3rd (20)

Historian’s Award

100% of squadron histories through 2023-24

Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN Hartford
 P/C Joyce Bonney, S Manchester
 P/C Ken Bell, Sr., AP Meriden
 Cdr Paul Bialecki, P New Britain
 D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP Norwich
 D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP District 1

Remembering our Fallen Comrades

We want to honor and remember the members we lost in the past year. They were so important to our Squadrons and District and we will always remember each of them.

Meriden P/D/C Ralph Borriello, AP
 Middletown William Houghtby, SN
 Loyd Johnson
 New Britain P/C Roy Gilley, AP
 Roger Larson, P
 New London P/D/1st/Lt Robert Payette, P
 Norwich P/D/C Charles Greenbacker, JN
 Barbara Metsack
 P/C Ronald Rodehorst JN (Westerly)





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2023 U.S. Coast Guard Boating Statistics

- The fatality rate was 4.9 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels based on 3,844 accidents involving 564 deaths and 2,126 injuries. This rate represents a 9.3% decrease from the 2022 fatality rate.
- Property damage totaled more than \$63 million.
- Where cause of death was known, 75% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 87% were not wearing a life jacket.
- Where length was known, four out of every five boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.
- 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 17% of deaths.
- Where instruction was known, 75% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction.
- There were 145 accidents in which at least one person was struck by a propeller. Collectively, these accidents resulted in 23 deaths and 133 injuries.
- Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed, and machinery failure 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 (13%). Where data was known, the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (44%), kayaks (17%), and personal watercraft 8%.

