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At the Helm

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When I wrote last month's article, I had no idea it would go over as well as it did. Not being one to miss an opportunity to build on a success, I thought I would try it again with a twist. Since not everyone may have the time to read an entire book, this month I will recommend some of my favorite nautically themed movies based on a book, along with the books that inspired them. Perhaps watching the movie will inspire you to find the time to read the book. I am also throwing in some TV shows at the end for binge watching. All movies are all PG or less so the whole family can enjoy them. It is definitely an eclectic collection.

First, here are some of the books that I mentioned last month that have movies to go with them:

Up Periscope by *Robb White* – Made in 1959 this one stars James Garner. Some of you may remember him as “Maverick” or “Rockfish.”

The Caine Mutiny by *Herman Wouk* – As mentioned last month, two movies, one in 1954 starring Humphrey Bogart and another in 2012 starring Brad Davis.

Moby Dick by *Herman Melville* – There have been several theatrical offerings of this book. I am recommending the 1956 version directed by John Huston starring Gregory Peck.

Okay, now for the new stuff.

The African Queen by *Cecil Scott “C. S.” Forester* – Those of us that know Forester at all associate him with his Horatio Hornblower sea adventures and not with 1935 novel *The African Queen*. Most of us associate *The African Queen* with the 1951 film. The film is another directed by John Huston and stars Humphrey Bogart and Connecticut's own Katharine Hepburn. An Anglican missionary in German-colonized Tanganyika (now Tanzania) falls in love with Charlie Allnut, the gin-swilling mechanic and skipper of the steamboat “African Queen.”

The Hunt for Red October by *Tom Clancy* – The book that launched Tom Clancy's career. Also, his first Jack Ryan novel. The 1990 movie based on the 1984 novel stars Sean Connery. I rate both the book and the movie top notch.

The Finest Hours by *Michael J. Tougias* – This is the true story of what is known to be the US Coast Guard's most daring sea rescue. Four young “Coasties” set off in hurricane force winds and 60-foot waves in a small 12-seat lifeboat to try and rescue the survivors of the shipwreck of two oil tankers. More than 30 sailors are trapped on a quickly sinking ship by a immense winter storm. Can they reach the sailors in time? Can they find their way back in the storm? Will anyone survive? Featuring Chris Pine and Casey Affleck. This is a nail biter. Don't miss it.

Treasure Island by *Robert Louis Stevenson* – Classic skullduggery at its best. In the 1883 novel, and the 1950 movie, swashbucklers Jim Hawkins and Long John Silver search for buried treasure. Arrrrgg.

Movies and TV shows without the books.

Cutthroat Island – If you like pirates and Geena Davis, this one is for you. An adventure comedy about a female pirate in a race against her rivals to find the hidden Cutthroat Island and its fabulous treasure. A pirate adventure/comedy filmed before *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Disney bought the props from this movie and used them in “Pirates.” I always enjoyed it, but remember it as a “B” movie. Amazon now shows it as 4-1/2 stars. I guess some things do get better with age.

McHale's Navy – 1960's TV series. Set in the Pacific Theater of WWII the series stars Ernest Borgnine, Tim Conway, and Joe Flynn. Climb aboard the PT-73 and enjoy a classic TV comedy series.

Baa Baa Black Sheep – This one is from the 70's and is also set in the Pacific Theater of WWII. Based on the exploits of real-life Marine Corps Major Greg ‘Pappy’ Boyington and his squadron. Starring Robert Conrad and those incredible gull wing F4U Corsairs. Technically not nautically themed, but those Corsairs!

Gilligan's Island – Another 1960's classic comedy series. The Skipper and Little Buddy take 5 passengers on a “Three Hour Tour” that leaves them stranded on an uncharted deserted island for three years! Join Gilligan, the Skipper, the millionaire and his wife, a movie star, the Professor and Mary Ann as they try to survive and get back to civilization.

There is soooo much more gold out there, but these should keep you busy for a while!

Stay safe out there.
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Please consider a self- guided course from the Hartford Power Squadron.
Below is the list of courses and the 'Net' cost to you. If you are interested, please email
Cliff15.McKibbin@comcast.net and he will get you started.

Course	Net Cost	Electives	Net Cost
Boat Handling (Formerly Seamanship)		Cruise Planning	34
On-line version	\$36	Engine Maintenance	29
Book	43	Marine Electrical Systems	29
Marine Navigation (Piloting)	43	Marine Communication Systems	35
Plotting tools	15	Navigation Systems	37
Advanced Marine Navigation (AP)	31	Radar for boaters	48
Junior Navigation	57	Sail	29
Nautical Almanac	28	Weather	34
Navigation	101		
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23 FEBRUARY MEMBERS' MEETING PROGRAM with DAVID MOLNAR Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Marine Fisheries Office

David Molnar, a fisheries biologist from the DEEP, will do a Zoom presentation at our February 23, 2021 member meeting. He will speak about the Status of Stock, Catch, & Harvest. This will be a "Hybrid meeting" at the Olympia Diner. Members can attend in person or via Zoom. Cost: \$15 for dinner with a cash bar at 6:30p. **Reservations:** Contact **Jim Salvatore** at jimsal1@comcast.net. The Zoom meeting will begin at 7:30pm with the program-suggested sign-in 15 minutes early.

Click the following link to get into Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92187556283>

- When the Zoom screen comes up if you already have Zoom installed on your machine click on the option in blue: **Launch Meeting**. Otherwise, click on the option: **Download and Run Zoom**.
 - If you get a screen that has an option to **Join a Meeting**, click on that option.
 - If the Host has not signed in, you will get a screen that says "Please wait for the host to start this meeting". Otherwise, you should see the host.
 - At the end of the meeting, you can click on the option **Leave** near the bottom right of the screen. You will then get a larger button that says **Leave Meeting**. Click it and you can then close down the Zoom internet connection.
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SPRING, DAFFODILS, and a PHOTO CONTEST!

CONTEST RULES: You must take all images yourself- Color or B&W (unlimited/max file 15MB)

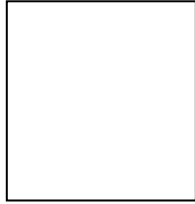
- * **Submit:** Digital entries at HPSphotocontest@gmail.com.- pdf or .jpeg preferred. For other formats, confirm with Editor. Images should be named, and submitted by midnight on **Tuesday, April 15th, 2021**- they will not be returned. ***Include:** Name, Email, Contact Phone Number, Image with Name & Date taken.
- * Contest is judged by Squadron Photographer and *the Bilge Pump Editor*- with a tie, Squadron Commander casts the deciding vote. *Decision of the judges is final.*
- * You are providing The Hartford Power Squadron with **rights to use the image(s)** for advertising/ promotion of the Power Squadron. ***Indicate:** "I have read and agree to the contest rules."
- * **Winners** will be announced at the April 28th Members' Meeting. **FIRST PRIZE** will be a 13" x 19" **Gallery Wrapped Canvas Print** of the winning photograph.



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PHOTO CONTEST OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE HARTFORD POWER SQUADRON

Winners will be featured in the MAY Issue of the Bilge Pump

We want to see your FALL, WINTER, and EARLY SPRING Photos related to projects on, or around your boats!

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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!