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Fallen Comrade

P/Lt/C Eric (Ric) Manner, S, passed away on 13 November 2018.



Ric and Diana Manner at the 2008 Change of Watch

Ric passed away peacefully at home after losing his battle to pancreatic cancer. Ric leaves his cherished wife, Diane, and two sons. He also leaves two sisters, several nieces and nephews, and scores of friends.

Ric exemplified values through thoughtful words, selfless actions and commitment to charitable causes. He had an incredible love of music, and with his amazing voice, he entertained many of us. Ric was an avid boater and fisherman who treasured his time on the water with his family and friends.

As a member of the Hartford Power Squadron for many years, Ric formed many wonderful friendships. He joined the Squadron in 2003 and immediately joined the Executive Committee. In 2005, he became our Safety Officer and continued in that position until 2017. He served as our Administration Officer from 2006 to 2007.

In 2007, Ric became our Program Chairman and began teaching Seminars. He was also active in setting up the booth for the Hartford Boat Show for many years.

In support of his wife, our long-time Bilge Pump editor, he printed and distributed the Bilge Pump.

Ric will be sorely missed by all those whose lives he touched. His willing spirit to contribute so much to our squadron will be fondly remembered and appreciated.

Your friends in the Hartford Power Squadron salute you and wish you Godspeed.

At the Helm

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It is officially winter. The cold air moved in with its brisk winter winds, and we now dress in our heavier coats and winter gloves before venturing outside. The holiday season was great and Christmas and New Years are now joyful memories. Whatever holidays you celebrated, it is my hope you fully enjoyed them.

We've pulled out our skates, snowboards, skies and whatever other gear we need to enjoy our winter sports. Like boating, winter sports can be challenging unless you have the knowledge and the skills needed to experience your time on the mountains or the ice with confidence. You have honed your skills through practiced maneuvers, but there are people out there not skilled like you, and they can be dangerous. Be aware of your surroundings and be ready to make the right decision to keep yourself out of harm's way should a threatening situation arise.

Knowing how to respond to danger effectively keeps us and others safe. When winter fades, and the temperatures warm up, we start thinking about readying our boats for the summer season. You use the knowledge you've acquired from classes you've taken with the Power Squadron to pilot your boat and keep you safe on the water.

With that in mind, there may be more classes you wish to take, and now is a good time to think about signing up for one. Look at our class offerings. Another way you can stay safe and help others do the same is to bring them to a members' meeting or talk to them about taking one or more of our classes. You may have friends that are thinking about purchasing a boat or have already bought one. Encourage these new boaters to *Sign Up for Safety*.

We welcome all new members. Members make us strong, and it would be our pleasure to welcome new member to our Squadron.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Who doesn't love lighthouses?

Stay safe out there.

Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN



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Hartford Boat Show - January 17-20



District 1 will be sponsoring a booth at the Hartford Boat Show. The show now in its 50th year provides us with a terrific opportunity to reach out to the boating community and get them involved in our squadron. We can share our opportunities with the public and let them know who we are, America's Boating Club. There will be seminars offered in a closed classroom. These will be a "taste" of our 2-hour seminars.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with the show. Volunteering gets you into the show for free on the day you are scheduled to work. It's still not too late to get involved.

To assist with the booth and gain free admission to the show, please contact RuthAnne Collins @ 860-444-9027 or rdctruffles@sbcglobal.net. You can also contact Art Andrea @ 203-641-0954.

Even if you can't volunteer, we'd still love to see you at the show. Why not combine it with our Casino Bus Trip. Tickets are still available, and you can find more information on the trip on [page 5](#) of this issue.

Fifty Year Member



Donald Taylor, P of West Hartford received his award for becoming a 50 Year Member at the District Fall Conference. Donald joined the USPS in 1964 and has earned two Merit Marks while being a member.

Thank you, Don, for continuing to support our Squadron for over 50 years!

← Donald Taylor receiving his 50 Year Member Award at the District Fall Conference held at the Branford Yacht Club.

Pictured from left to right are:
D/C Charles L. Marino, P – District Commander; Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN – District Educational Officer;
Donald Taylor, P – Award Recipient and V/C Craig Fraser, SN - National Educational Officer.

Swap Meet and Cookout

We skipped a year, but the HPS Swap Meet and Cookout is back! The event will once again be held at the Portland Riverside Marina on May 04, 2019. In addition to renting spaces to those who wish to sell their items, we are accepting donations of boating related items to be sold by the squadron. Proceeds from those sales will be added to the squadron treasury.

As in the past, food will be available throughout the day. There will be a simple cookout menu consisting of hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, kielbasa, chips, and other cookout items. The event is still being planned, and more information will be provided in the February issue of *the Bilge Pump*.



Educational Department

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Get the most out of your membership - GET MORE EDUCATION!

Following are our advanced and elective course offerings for Spring 2019. Please call Roy at 860 841-8620 or e-mail him at roybergeron01@yahoo.com with your questions or to register.



Advanced Course:

Piloting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at St. James Church, 3 Mountain Road, Farmington, CT.

Cost:

\$73 Member (Includes \$17 for piloting instruments)

\$187 Non-Member (Includes 1-year membership to USPS/HPS and \$17 for piloting instruments)



Elective Course:

Marine Electrical Systems will begin 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at the MDC Training Center, 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT.

Cost:

\$54 Member

\$151 Non-Member (Includes 1-year membership to USPS/HPS)

Spring 2019 ABC3 Public Boating Courses are scheduled as follows:

The ABC3 Course consists of eight two-hour classes that fulfill the Connecticut *Department of Energy and Environmental Protection* (DEEP) requirements for a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation with Personal Watercraft, Safe Waterskiing, and Coastal Boater Endorsements. Our next course offering will be held at:



Farmington: Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., Farmington High School, 10 Montith Dr., Farmington (Must register with Farmington Adult Education at 860-404-0290) Cost: \$69 plus a town-imposed facility fee.

If you are interested in taking any of our courses or seminars, or if you think you may be interested in teaching, please contact Roy at the email or phone above.

February Members' Meeting

“A Discussion on Connecticut’s Boating Industry”

by Don MacKenzie



The February 26th Members' Meeting will feature a talk by Don MacKenzie, Vice President and General Manager of Boats Incorporated a boat dealership and marina located in picturesque Niantic Connecticut. Boats Incorporated is one of the few dealerships in Connecticut to be Marine Certified, and a Top 100 Dealer since the inception of both programs. It has been a Grady-White Admiral's Circle Member for 15 consecutive years, a Yamaha Best in Class Dealer in the Northeast for 11 consecutive years, one of the Yamaha Dealer Council Members, and last but not least, a Parker Marine Customer Service Award Winner for the past three years.

Don's talk will mostly revolve around Hartford and politics and how large our industry is and how much revenue the industry brings into the state. Hartford often treats our industry as nothing but rich guys and think we all have yachts and can afford to pay any taxes they put upon us. They don't realize the average size boat in our state is only 22'. Don plans on discussing how much of an effect people in the industry have in meeting one on one with a representative from their district.

Don will also discuss the job market. The boating industry is losing good technicians by simple attrition. The industry is screaming for good mechanics and with Dealer Certification. The good dealerships in the state are paying great wages, medical, 401k with matching funds, personal days, etc. It is a good paying job in a great working atmosphere. The kids today don't understand jobs are waiting for them. If you or someone you know is looking for a career working with boats, please do not miss this presentation.

The last thing he will discuss is the challenge of bringing new and younger boaters into boating. The list of boaters in their thirties is dwindling. We must find a way to get the youth into boating. The manufacturers have discovered they make the most money on the larger boats and we need an entry level boat that is affordable for the younger generation to get their feet wet. Boating is one of the ONLY activities that families can still do together.

Please don't miss what is sure to be a lively and informative discussion on a topic we all love. Bring your friends and family too.



Bus Trip to Hartford Boat Show and Mohegan Sun Casino

As some of you may know, the Hartford Boat Show has moved its venue to the new event space at the Mohegan Sun Casino. This winter's show will be held from 17-20 January.

The Hartford Squadron has organized a bus trip for Saturday, January 19th. The bus will have two departure points:

- the DOT parking lot on the Berlin Turnpike, at 9:00 am
- the Putnam Park & Ride, 3029 Main St, Glastonbury, at 9:30 am

Please note, these are **Departure Times**. Please arrive 15-30 minutes early to be checked in and seated.

The bus will leave the Mohegan Sun for its return home at 7:00 pm.

You will be able to enjoy the boat show and the casino with \$30 worth of vouchers:

- a \$15 meal voucher to be used in any casino restaurant, or to partake of the \$23 infinite buffet
- a \$15 gaming voucher to use in the casino

All at a cost of only \$30 you basically get to go free!!

Although the \$30 cost does not include admission to the boat show, we have obtained a discounted admission cost of \$10/person. You can purchase just the bus trip with vouchers, or the bus trip with vouchers and boat show admission. The choice is yours.

This trip is not just for squadron members, so please bring your family and friends and let others you know they are welcome to join the trip. Bus trip tickets also make great Christmas presents/stocking stuffers!

Our preferred method of payment is by credit card. Paying this way will allow us to track ticket sales more easily and will simplify the check-in process. You can click on the link below and pay for the bus trip alone, or both the bus trip and discounted admission to the boat show. Go to <http://hartfordpowersquadron.com/BusTrip.html> and click anywhere on the page.

If you cannot pay by credit card, you can still pay by check. Please send your check for \$30/\$40/person made out to "HPS" to Tim Tyler, 306 Cherry Hill Dr., Newington, CT 06111-1011. Please also include a list of the names of those attending.

*Open to Members,
Friends, & Family*

**MOHEGAN SUN
Casino**
BOAT SHOW BUS TRIP

Saturday, January 19, 2019
Bus departs from Two Locations - Leaves Casino at 7:00PM
DOT Commuter Lot, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington at 9:00AM
Putnam Park & Ride, 3029 Main Street, Glastonbury at 9:30AM

Casino Trip only \$30 per person
Casino Trip with Boat Show Admission \$40

50/50 Raffle
\$15 Game Voucher **\$15 Food Voucher**
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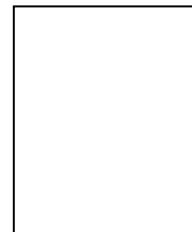
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January Members' Meeting Will Feature "Light Houses in Connecticut and Long Island"

by Susan Tamulevich



The January 22nd Members' Meeting will feature a talk by Susan Tamulevich, executive director of the New London Maritime Society. The society was established in 1983 when, faced with possible sale or demolition of their local U.S. Custom House, impassioned New Londoners organized to preserve this treasure.

New London's 1833 US Custom House was built at the height of the City's maritime power when New London was the second largest whaling port in the world. City leaders had petitioned the U.S. Treasury to build them 'a gem on the waterfront.' Architect Robert Mills, best-known for his design of the U.S. national Washington Monument, provided just that. The building was saved and now serves as the Custom House Maritime Museum.

Susan Tamulevich became executive director of the New London Maritime Society ten years ago. Since then, the society has adopted three local lighthouses and begun organizing their peers on Long Island Sound to form a cooperative lighthouse association. In her talk,

Susan will speak about her work at New London Harbor 'Pequot' Lighthouse, Ledge Light, and Race Rock Light (off Fishers Island in New York) and about the joys and unanticipated complications of owning a lighthouse. Please join us for what is sure to be an informative and enjoyable presentation.

Date: January 22, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT

Cost: \$15 for dinner with a cash bar - or just come at 7:30 p.m. for the free presentation.

Reservations: Contact Jim Salvatore at jimsall@comcast.net or 860-346-0680.