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At the Helm

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Ahoy All,

I hope you all had a Happy Holiday Season, we're off to a Great New Year!

Our Holiday Party at the Middletown Elks Club went well. The Yankee Swap was a lot of fun, we had some interesting prizes, including a Hawk, and a once again, most desired- work lamps with speakers!

We had a lighter turnout than last year, and I'm not sure why. I welcome your comments & suggestions to make the 2025 Holiday Party the best party ever.

We have several activities in the works. Our squadron will have a booth at the Hartford Boat Show at the Mohegan Sun Casino, January 16-19th. Come on down, check out the new boats and accessories & say hello.

CAPT Mark Walsh, USCG (Ret.) will be coming to speak about the New National Coast Guard Museum in New London, that will be opening this year at our January Member meeting. The meeting is on Thursday, January 28th, 6:30pm, at the Olympia Diner on the Berlin Tpke. in Newington. We've been told that the Olympia Diner is staying open, so mark your calendars.

Our Marine Swap Meet & Craft Show will be on May 3rd this year in the West Marine parking lot in Old Saybrook. We were generously offered the location again by Heather Moher, the West Marine store manager, and member of the New Haven Squadron. Vendor spaces are still only \$25. This year, the net proceeds from the sale of the swap meet spaces will be donated to the Connecticut River Conservancy, to aid in their fight against the Hydrilla infestation on the river. It's free to attend, but if you have a Boat, Marine Accessories, or craft items you would like to sell, go to our website (www.hartfordpowersquadron.org) and get a space - help rid the CT River of the Hydrilla.

We'll be running our ABC class again on April 12, 2025, at the Bristol Library. The class will be FREE for any person who joins our squadron as a New Member at the class and \$60 for nonmembers. Please tell your friends. Members can audit the class, just to brush up on their boating knowledge. The cost to audit the class is \$10 as lunch will be provided.

We will also be offering the Advanced Marine Navigation Course. We are doing it in "2-Saturday classes" at the office of Architectural Building Systems, 136 Rockwell Rd, Newington, CT 06111. The first class will begin 4/19/25, 9:00AM – 3:00PM.

Please contact Cliff McKibbin (cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net) or Pat Pabouet (Argus06108@aol.com) to register for either class.

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Happy New Year!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP

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We are excited to announce our 2025 Spring course schedule that includes both ABC and Advanced Marine Navigation (formerly Advanced Piloting).

Advanced Marine Navigation (Two Saturday Course)

Architectural Building Systems, 136 Rockwell Road Newington, CT 06111

We want to thank Architectural Building Systems for the generous use of their office.

Begins Saturday 4/19 9:00 to 3:00

Cost includes one manual

Members: \$95, Second family member \$20

Prerequisite: Marine Navigation

You must be a member to take our advanced courses.

One Year Membership: \$80

One Year Family Membership: \$120

ABC-Bristol Public Library (one day course) 5 High St. Bristol, CT 06010 [860-584-7787](tel:860-584-7787)

Saturdays: Offered 4/12/2024 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Cost: \$60 includes Manual/Coffee/lunch

This is an 8-hour course meeting the requirements of the State of Connecticut DEEP for its Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operations.

The final exam will be given at the end of the day and after passing the exam the student will receive the Hartford Power Squadron's Certificate attesting to the passing of the NASBLA test which can be used in any State to apply for a License or Certificate to operate a power boat.

The Connecticut student will then be able to apply on-line for the State of Connecticut DEEP Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operations.

Please email Cliff McKibbin at cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net to register or to get more information.

Would you like to teach one of our courses? If you have taken a course and would like to teach it, please contact Pat Pabouet.





District 1 Fall Conference
16 November, 2024
Filomena's Restaurant
Waterford, CT



Photos courtesy of P/C RuthAnne D. Collins P



DISTRICT HOLIDAY PARTY
15 DECEMBER 2024
MIDDLETOWN ELKS CLUB



Photos Courtesy of L/C
Clifford McKibbon SN





THE FESTIVITIES CONTINUE... D.J. DENNIS NARDELLA...BUFFET...TOYS FOR TOTS...50/50



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HARTFORD BOAT SHOW BOOTH

The Hartford Squadron has signed up to sponsor a booth at the 2025 Hartford Boat Show. It will be held at the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT Thursday, January 16th through Sunday, January 19th, 2025.

Booth participants get in **FREE!** If you are interested in signing up for a 3-4 hour time slot, or have any questions regarding the show, please contact Hartford Cdr Bill Waseleski at commander@hartfordpowersquadron.com .

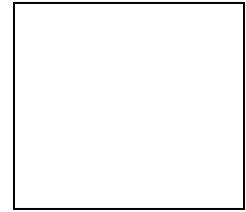


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01-28-25 HPS Member Meeting

*PLEASE JOIN US IN
WELCOMING*

**CAPT Mark Walsh, USCG (Ret.)
SPEAKER**

**THE NEW NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM
New London, CT**

Join us at the Olympia Diner Newington, CT
Cost: \$20 for Dinner with a Cash Bar at 6:30p.

Reservations: Contact **Jim Salvatore** at jimsal1@comcast.net

