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At the Helm

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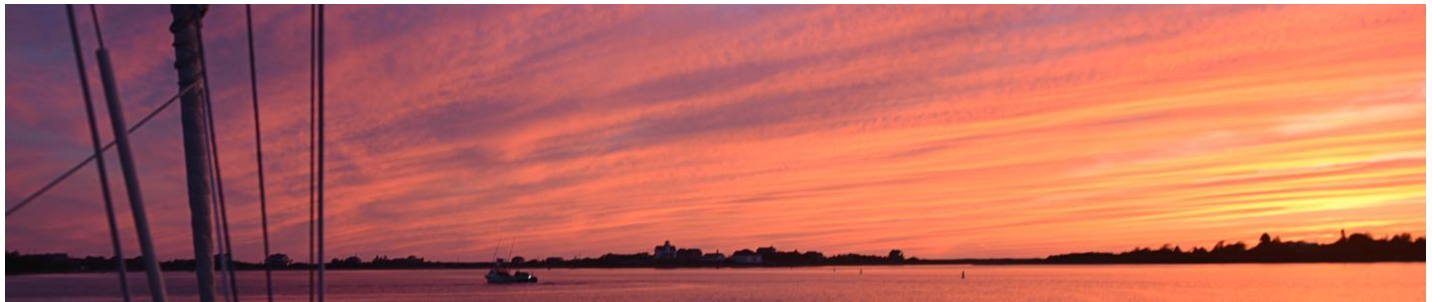
This will be my last “At the Helm” article as your Commander. The previous two years have flown by, and it seems like it was only yesterday that I was speaking as your new commander at our Change of Watch. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you, and I look forward to continuing to do so as a member of the Executive Committee.

No one person can run an organization; to be successful, it must be a team effort. The team I have had during my term would make any commander proud. My heartfelt thanks go out to all of them for helping make it possible for me to succeed.

As I leave my post, our 90th anniversary is on the horizon. Preliminary arrangements have begun, and planning has started for what we hope will be a fun-filled and memorable anniversary. We have reached out to the Middletown Squadron, who will also be celebrating their 90th anniversary, and asked them to join us in celebrating our historic event; they have agreed to do so. When we celebrated our 75th anniversary, Middletown joined us in the festivities, and so it is that we will once again be sharing our special time with our Middletown friends. We will have a new commander next year, as will Middletown, and they will need to “hit the ground running” to make this a gala event that will be remembered until our 100th anniversary arrives. I know them both, and they are certainly up to the task. As I said earlier, leadership is a team effort, and there will be a lot of help needed to plan and coordinate such an event. I ask anyone that might have event planning skills or time to help, to step forward, and make yourselves known. All help, regardless of skill level, is asked for and will surely be appreciated.

Our new commander will be ushered in at our Commander’s Ball on April 4th. This is going to be a wonderful evening with dinner, dancing, and live entertainment. Details can be found on [page 5](#). The squadron is subsidizing the event, and for \$25, you won’t find a better deal anywhere. These events are always fun and a great time to get caught up with old friends or to make new ones. If you have never attended one, I urge you to please join me in celebrating my service and in welcoming our new commander. I would love to see you.

Stay safe out there.
Cdr Tim Tyler, SN



Educational Department

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

The following are our remaining ABC3 course offerings for Spring 2020. If you are interested in taking any of these courses, or if you think you may be interested in teaching, please contact Cliff at the email or phone number above.

Spring 2020 ABC3 Public Boating Courses



Bristol: ABC Basic Boating Course. Bristol Library. These are one day courses.

Bristol Public Library, 5 High St, Bristol, CT.

Sponsored by the Bristol Library. Pre-registration is required. Call (860) 655-4623.

This is an 8-hour course that fulfills the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), requirements for a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation with Boater Endorsements of Personal Watercraft, Safe Waterskiing, and Coastal.

The cost is \$50, which includes the full manual, morning coffee, and lunch. Course dates are:

- Saturday, March 21, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday, April 18, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.



2020–2021 Budget Recommendation

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Each year the Executive Committee develops a proposed budget for the year beginning 1 March and presents it at the March Annual Meeting for approval of the members.

Please click on the following link (or type it into your browser) to review the proposed budget. Once there, you can print a copy of the budget to bring with you to the annual meeting for discussion: <https://bit.ly/2TbTVUub>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Treasurer, Cliff McKibbin at cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net before the annual meeting.

Call to the Annual Meeting 24 March

Lt/C Bill Waseleski, AP – Squadron Secretary | (860) 212-2636 | wwaseleski@centuryspringmfg.com

The Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Elections will be held for the new Bridge that will take office at the “*Commander’s Ball and Change of Watch Dinner*” on April 4, 2020. The report of the nominating committee is immediately following this announcement. The report includes nominations for the Bridge, Executive Committee Members at Large, and Elected Committees. As a member, you can also nominate members to these positions by petition. To do this, please contact the Secretary fifteen days before the Annual Meeting (by March 09, 2020). We will then make the petition nomination available to the members seven days before the Annual Meeting. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting.

The meeting will also feature a guest speaker, Steve Gephard, a Supervising Fisheries Biologist with the State of Connecticut, DEEP- Fisheries Division. See [page 6](#) for details.

The meeting will be held at the Olympia Diner in Newington. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Please note, if attending at 6:30 p.m., there is a \$15 meal charge. If you choose to go to the meeting only, it starts at 7:30 p.m., and there is no charge. Please contact Commander Tim Tyler at (860) 561-0669 or timtyler@hartfordpowersquadron.com if you are interested in becoming active in your Squadron, participating in committees, or learning more about our organization.

Hartford Power Squadron Report of the 2020–2021 Nominating Committee

Bridge

Commander:	Lt/C William J. Waseleski, P
Executive Officer:	Vacant
Education Officer:	Lt/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P
Administrative Officer:	Lt/C James Salvatore, AP
Secretary:	Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
Treasurer:	Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN

Executive Committee Members at Large

Lt Elaine L. Cleary
P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP
P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN
Cdr Timothy Tyler, SN
P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P

Elected Committees

Nominating Chairman:	P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN
Nominating:	Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN
Auditing Chairman:	Vacant
Rules Chairman:	P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr.

Respectfully Submitted,
P/C Michael J. Rinaldi, JN

Last Month's Members' Meeting

"The Water World of Amsterdam"

by Cliff McKibbin

The February meeting was a remarkable success, with 40 people in attendance. Once again, our own Cliff McKibbin, presenter for the evening, provided us with an informative and entertaining presentation based on his extensive travels on the European Continent. His topic of the evening was "The Water World of Amsterdam," and he did not disappoint. Cliff's presentation was divided into three parts, the Houseboats of the Amsterdam Canals, the Keukenhof Tulip Gardens, and the Zuiderzee. Some of the topics discussed were getting around Amsterdam by train, meals, the origins of the canal houseboats, the beauty of the flower fields of the Keukenhof Gardens, and a discussion of the Zuiderzee from its early beginnings as a shallow saltwater bay, to its present status as a navigable freshwater lake. Cliff's presentations are always popular, and they draw some of our biggest audiences. Thanks, Cliff, for your talk, and for all you do for our Squadron!

Our raffle winner for the evening was P/C Barbara Huber, AP of Springfield Squadron. Barbara took home the \$50 cash prize. Congratulations Barbara!

May 26th Members' Meeting

"Whales are Back in New York Waters"

by Lisa Piastuch

After many years of absence, the whales are back in New York waters! Species such as the seasonally migrating Humpback and North Atlantic Right Whales, as well as the Fin whale, are frequent visitors to the New York Bight. Using a variety of scientific tools, scientists are setting out to gain a better understanding of the distribution and abundance of these large whales and sea turtles in the Bight. Join North American Marine Environment Protection Association's (NAMEPA) Education and Outreach Director, Lisa Piastuch, to learn more about the New York Bight Whale Monitoring Program, methodologies employed, basic facts about marine mammals and the results of the data collected as part of their work to protect the global oceans, lakes and river resources.



Lisa has a Master of Science degree in Environmental Science and Management from Sacred Heart University, where her research focused on coastal ecosystems restoration. Before joining NAMEPA, Lisa was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Bridgeport, teaching environmental conservation and ecology. In addition, Lisa has over ten years of professional experience in the non-profit sector, forming partnerships and fostering collaborations with various organizations. She continues to inspire and educate all ages on environmental stewardship.

DAN Boater

USPS has affiliated itself with DAN Boater, a travel safety association. DAN Boater provides travel insurance when you are traveling at least 50 miles from home. Some things covered are trip delays, cancellations, unexpected medical expenses, medical evacuation, medical repatriation, and much more, for a cost of \$25/year. Every USPS member is being enrolled free for one year. At your next USPS membership renewal, if you don't opt-out, the DAN Boater membership renewal fee of \$25 will be added to your USPS dues. For further information, visit <https://danboater.org/membership.html>.

The 2019 CoOp Charting Results are Finally In!

Hartford Power Squadron
Lt/C Pat Pabouet, P
Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
Lt/C Roy Bergeron, AP
Lt/C William Waseleski, AP
Jonathan Emerson, JN
P/Lt/C Tom Berlandy, AP
Ken Letendre, AP

Honor Roll, ranked 6th in the country
Honor Roll, ranked 22nd in the country
Honor Roll, ranked 23rd in the country
Honor Roll, ranked 47th in the country
Honor Roll, ranked 48th in the country
Honor Roll, ranked 51st in the country
Honor Roll, ranked 52nd in the country
Honor Roll, ranked 53rd in the country

Commander's Ball and Change of Watch

This year we are bringing back the traditional Commander's Ball Dinner at which we will hold our Change of Watch (COW). Dinner is being held at the Manor Inn Restaurant, 1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, CT 06489.

This year's dinner will be a black-tie optional event featuring live entertainment and dancing. Our performer will be Steve Kazlauskas and the "Echoes of Sinatra." Steve is recognized as one of the foremost authorities on Sinatra and his music. He was inspired to become a singer by corresponding directly with Ol' Blue Eyes through the mail. Steve has made it his mission to keep the music of Sinatra alive while perfecting his interpretation of that famous style. He has performed throughout the country, from east to west, and north to south. He captures the sound, feel, and expression of Sinatra with amazing accuracy while bringing his unique interpretation to the music. Steve is a true tribute artist and does not attempt to look and sound like a clone. With a vocal range that allows him to sing Frank's songs in their original keys, he's able to reach and sustain those high notes and croon softly on those signature low notes that were part of Sinatra's distinctive singing style. His fans agree it's about the next best thing to hearing Frank himself perform this timeless music. He continues to delight and educate audiences about this true American icon while keeping the great American songbook alive and well.



If you are not familiar with the COW, it is an annual time-honored formal event preserved by a rich heritage of naval tradition. The COW allows squadron members to witness the transfer of responsibility for bridge assignments and to give recognition to the accomplishments of both outgoing officers and squadron members. Officers elected at the Annual Members' Meeting held in March are also sworn in.

All squadron members are encouraged to attend this event not only to show appreciation to those who do so much to keep the squadron viable, but also to meet other members, make friends, and most importantly, have an enjoyable time.

How often do most of us get a chance to get dressed up, go out dancing, cut loose, and just have a fun, relaxing night out? If you're looking for an excuse to get dressed up and "put on the Ritz," we've just given it to you. And you get to do it for less than either the entertainment or the meal alone would cost you.

If you are only able to attend one event all year, this should be the one! The Change of Watch dinner is always memorable, so why not make your reservations now and join us at what is sure to be another fun-filled event. You know you want to!



Event Details

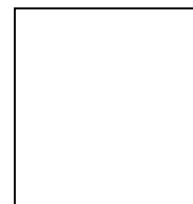
- Time:** April 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- Place:** Manor Inn Restaurant, 1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, CT
- Menu:** A cash bar will be available, and three different appetizers are being served. We have also arranged for a six-course dinner menu. The complete menu is shown on the left.
- Cost:** \$25 per person, including tax and tip. This meal is being subsidized by the squadron to encourage more members to attend. If you walked in off the street and ordered the same meal, it would cost you more than \$50.00.
- Dress:** Uniform A with bow tie, or black-tie optional.
- Reservations:** Reservations are and must be made by March 28, 2020. To make your reservations, please contact Jim Salvatore at jimsall@comcast.net or 860-346-0680. **Entrée choice must be made when making your reservations.**



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March 24th Members' Meeting Will Feature "Tools Used to Restore Migratory Fish"

by Steve Gephard

The evening will feature a talk on migratory fish by our guest speaker Steve Gephard. Steve's talk will focus on the biology of the various species of migratory fish found in Connecticut, their status, and describe some of the threats facing them. He will also review the different dam removal and fishway construction projects undertaken in Connecticut by a variety of partners working to restore runs to Connecticut waters.

Steve Gephard is a Supervising Fisheries Biologist with the State of Connecticut, DEEP- Fisheries Division and oversees the Diadromous Fish Program and Habitat Conservation Program. He has over 40 years of experience with diadromous fish species and fish passage projects. His assignments include the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission's Technical Committee, the U.S. Atlantic Salmon Assessment Committee, chair of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Fish Passage Working Group, member of the Scientific Council for Diadromous Migratory Fishes of the Loire Basin, and is a U.S. Commissioner to the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO). Much of Steve's time is devoted to getting fish around some of the 4,000 dams in Connecticut, either by removing them or building fishways around them.



Date: March 24, 2020

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 o (860) 346-0680.