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'Can't Wait Until Spring'



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20 March	District Spring Conference: This will be a Zoom Conference Meeting. Full details are in the Spring Sounds of 1 distributed last week.	
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At the Helm

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This issue marks the end of another fiscal year and the last “At the Helm” I will be writing as your Commander. If that opening sentence sounds like “Déjà vu all over again,” it is because I wrote something similar in last March’s issue. Little did any of us know how much our lives would be changed in the upcoming months by a virus we were just beginning to hear about.

Yes, the Covid-19 Virus has affected all our lives in many ways and continues to do so. Because the virus has taught us about Zoom, we will have an Annual Meeting this year. You will be able to vote on the Bridge, Executive Committee Members at Large, and Elected Committees nominations as put forth in the Nominating Committee’s report found on page 2 in this issue.

The Executive Committee agonized over the decision about whether to hold the Change of Watch (COW) dinner this year. The final decision was to have the dinner but not make it a Commander’s Ball, with live entertainment and dancing, as was initially planned. Instead, it will be a simple dinner complete with social distancing. Details on the dinner are provided on page 4 in this issue.

Activities surrounding our 90th Anniversary, a momentous event I was really looking forward to, are also falling victim to the virus. We are looking at moving them to next year, hoping the vaccines rolling out now can get the virus and all the new strains that seem to pop up every other day under control. Can you really move an anniversary? Technically I think not, but if the virus has taught us anything, it is the ability to “think out of the box,” and I think it is important enough to try. In the meantime, we are working with the Middletown Squadron to have both our 90th Anniversaries celebrated at the District 1 Rendezvous and Council Meeting on June 25-27 at the Essex Island Marina. More details concerning this will appear in the May issue of *the Bilge Pump*.

As I mentioned last year, 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.

Stay safe out there.
Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS 2021-2022

Bridge

Commander: Lt/C William J. Waseleski, AP
Executive Officer: Lt/C Thomas H. Berlandy, AP
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

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: Cdr Timothy F. Tyler, SN
Nominating: Elaine L. Cleary
Nominating: P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP
Auditing Chairman: Lt Theodore J. Wurz, P
Rules Chairman: P/D/Lt/C Kenneth W. Weeks, Jr.



23 March Annual Members' Meeting Program “The Water World of Varenna and Lake Como”

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN

Rick Steves suggests Varenna as the ‘place to stay’ when visiting Lake Como in Italy. It is the center of a triangle of the beautiful towns of Varenna, Bellagio and Menaggio and is easy to get to from Milan. A short ferry boat ride across the lake to either town makes for an easy day trip to see the towns, villas, churches, museums, and waterfronts. Cliff will show slides of all of the sights as well as discuss getting there and highlight some of the sights in ‘not to be missed’ Milan.

Cliff and his wife, Lucille, have enjoyed visiting Europe and especially Italy for some years. They have been using Airbnb for the last five years and rely heavily on Rick Steves for guidance on his ‘do it yourself’ style of travel.

23 March Annual Members' Meeting Agenda

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 6:30 p.m. **Reservations:** Contact **Jim Salvatore** at jimsal1@comcast.net. The Zoom meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the program-suggested sign-in 15 minutes early.

Following the Varenna program, we will have our Annual Meeting. The meeting will include our Officer's annual reports, voting on the new year's budget (<http://hartfordpowersquadron.com/Newsletter/2021-22BudgetProposal.pdf>), the Nominating Committee report (see page 2), and officers' election. Visitors are welcome to stay on zoom for this portion of the meeting or sign off.

Click the following link to get into Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81715319622?pwd=ZWEvUm10VHVaN0RjRjNLWtBpcFhZQT09>

Meeting ID: 817 1531 9622, Passcode: 684737

- 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 screen's bottom right. You will then get a larger button that says **Leave Meeting**. Click it, and you can then close down the Zoom internet connection.

Change of Watch Dinner

This year's Change of Watch (COW) dinner is being held at the Manor Inn Restaurant, 1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, CT

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

All squadron members are encouraged to attend this event to show appreciation to those who do so much to keep the squadron viable and to meet other members, make friends, and, most importantly, have an enjoyable time.

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.

Event Details

- Time:** April 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
Place: Manor Inn Restaurant, 1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, CT 06489
Menu: A cash bar will be available, and three different appetizers are being served. We have also arranged for a six-course dinner menu. Please see the complete menu on page five.
Cost: \$25 per person, including tax and tip. The squadron is subsidizing this meal 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 a bow tie, or equally suitable civilian attire.
Reservations: Reservations are and must be made by 31 March 2021. To make your reservations, please contact Jim Salvatore at jimsal1@comcast.net or 860-346-0680. *Entrée choice must be made when making your reservations.*



Manor Inn Restaurant
Deluxe Sit Down Dinner Menu

Hors d'Oeuvres

Scallops-n-Bacon
Mozzarella Sticks
Stuffed Mushrooms

Appetizer

Choice of Soup

Salad

Tossed Garden Salad with Vinaigrette

Pasta

Ziti

Entrées (Choice of 1)

Filet Mignon – Charbroiled to Your Liking
Pecan Crusted Cod with Lemon and Wine
Chicken Marsala – Served with Mushroom Brown Sauce
(Entrees served with Baked Potato & Vegetable du Jour)

Dessert

Vanilla Puff

Also Includes:

Freshly Brewed Regular or Decaffeinated Coffee and Hot Tea



SPRING, DAFFODILS, and a PHOTO CONTEST!

REMINDER: The Photo Contest DEADLINE is fast approaching!

CONTEST RULES: You must take all images yourself - Color or B&W. Digital image size is limited to 15MB.

- * Submit digital entries to HPSphotocontest@gmail.com. .pdf or .jpeg preferred. For other formats, confirm with Editor. Images should be named, and submitted by midnight on **Tuesday, 15 April 2021**- they will not be returned.
- * Along with the photograph, please include your Name, Email, Phone Number, Image Name, and the date you took the picture.
- * Contest is judged by Squadron Photographer and *the Bilge Pump Editor*. If there is a tie, Squadron Commander casts the deciding vote. *The decision of the judges is final.*
- * You provide Hartford Power Squadron with rights to use the image(s) for advertising and promotion purposes.
- * You must indicate: "I have read and agree to the contest rules."
- * Winners will be announced at the 28 April Members' Meeting. First Prize will be a 13" x 19" **Gallery Wrapped Canvas Print** of the winning photograph.

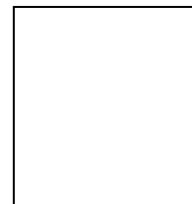


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