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BULLETIN OF THE HARTFORD POWER SQUADRON
 A UNIT OF DISTRICT 1
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Volume 86 Issue 1
 "A Sparkly Day at the Shore"

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09 May 20 May 23 May 10 June	Executive Committee Meeting - Century Spring Mfg 6pm ABC Class- Bristol Library 5 High Street, Bristol, CT Members Meeting- Olympia Diner 6:30 pm Co-op Charting Event	12
Schedule of Upcoming District 1 Activities		
23-25 June 24 June	District 1 June Rendezvous, Safe Harbor Essex Island Marina District 1 Council	
07-09 July 28 July	Mini Cruise to Port Jefferson YC with the New Haven Sail and Power Squadron District Fishing Tournament with the Norwich Power Squadron	
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At the Helm

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Ahoy All,

Spring has finally sprung, but the weather just isn't cooperating. We held our 2nd annual Boat Show Swap Meet on Saturday, April 22nd, and sadly it was a bust. It was cloudy & cold with 20 mph winds. Despite tying rocks & an anchor to our tent, we couldn't get it to keep from blowing away. We finally had to take it down. The weather on Sunday (our rain date) was even worse ... over 3 inches of rain! We just couldn't win.

The good news is that our raffle was a success, it yielded a profit of \$890! The winners are posted later in this edition.

Great Job & thank you to all who helped!

Our Change of Watch Dinner on Sunday, April 16th, at Portofino's Restaurant in Kensington, was well attended. Past District Commander Art Andrea installed the new officers. A great dinner was enjoyed by all & we raffled off 3 bottles of wine.

We have a great speaker lined up for our next member meeting at the Olympia Diner on Tuesday evening May 23rd. Rob Goldstein will be telling us about sailing his new sailboat from Florida to Connecticut.

Our coop charting event is coming up on Saturday, June 10th, we will be checking the location & condition of all the Aids to Navigation on the Connecticut river from Old Saybrook all the way up to Hartford.

Our next ABC Class is being offered at the Bristol Library on Saturday, May 20. Attendance at our classes is growing. We had 11 students pass our March 25th class and, as of this writing, already have 7 students signed up for the May class. If you know anyone looking to take the May class, please tell them to sign up right away, it may get sold out. Contact Cliff McKibbin to reserve a spot. Cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net.

I have recently taken on a new position as Admin officer on the District 1 Bridge. I will remain as Commander of the Hartford Squadron. My goal as District Admin Officer is to get more members, their children, & their grandchildren, involved in squadron events. Our new District Commander, Pat Pabouet, & I plan to visit the 11 squadrons in our district to get your ideas for new events, services, meeting places, & entertainment. As we become more active & recognized by the boating public with each event, new members will follow.

Hope to see you at our next member meeting!

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP



BRIDGE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 2023-2024

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

BRIDGE ASSISTANTS

Assistant Education Officer: David E. Pero
Assistant Secretary: Susan M. Chenard
Assistant Administrative Officer: Lt/c Thomas H. Berlandy, AP

Executive Committee Members at Large

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

Elected Committees

Nominating Chairman: Lt Timothy Tyler, SN
Nominating: Elaine L. Cleary
Auditing Chairman: P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P
Rules Chairman: Lt Timothy Tyler, SN

HPS Awards for 2022-2023

National Awards

National Awards for Excellence in Communication:

Publication - Sounds of 1 Editor: D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN
Publication - the Bilge Pump Editor: Jeanne Waseleski
Website - HPS Website Webmaster: P/Lt/C Frank Pascucci, Jr., AP

National Awards for Coop Charting Nationwide Rankings

Hartford Power Squadron	Honor Roll, ranked 8
Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN	Honor Roll, ranked 22
P/C Tim Tyler, SN	Honor Roll, ranked 44
Lt/C Tom Berlandy, AP	Honor Roll, ranked 45
Ken Letendre, AP	Honor Roll, ranked 46
Lt/C Pat Pabouet, P	Honor Roll, ranked 57
P/C Ted Wurz, P	Honor Roll, ranked 58
Lt/C Bill Waseleski, AP	Honor Roll, ranked 59
District 1	ranked 8

(Hartford was the only Squadron participating)

Contribution to the USPS Educational Fund: Contributing for the 24th year in a row.

Merit Marks

Every year merit marks are given by National to individuals who have contributed extraordinary time to the squadron, usually by holding an elective office, serving on a committee or teaching courses. Only one merit mark can be given to a person per year. Members achieving: Paula Berlandy, Peter Berlandy, Thomas Berlandy, Susan Chenard, Elaine Cleary, Robert Goldstein, Kenneth Letendre, Cliff McKibbin, Pat Pabouet, David Pero, Frank Pascucci, Mike Rinaldi, Jim Salvatore, Tim Tyler, David Waseleski, Jeanne Waseleski, William Waseleski, Ken Weeks, and Theodore J. Wurz



District Awards

100% Histories Award: HPS received this award for its exceptional record keeping efforts.
Historian: D/Lt Clifford W. McKibbin, SN



**United States Power Squadrons®
Hartford Power Squadron
Annual Reports
28 March, 2023**



Annual Report of the Commander

With the COVID Virus now being in the wake behind the stern of our boats, the Hartford Power Squadron had a great, activity packed, year. Our Change of Watch Dinner was well attended regardless of our entertainer, singer Tony Riccio, having to cancel due to illness.

Our biggest accomplishment of the year was the successful holding of our First Annual BoatShow /Swap Meet at the Westbrook Outlets and our First Annual All Cash Raffle. Both events went off very smoothly and netted our Squadron a profit of approx. \$600. Although it was a small profit, this was the first year of the event so there were initial set up expenses not to recur in the future.

Our Executive Department's Co-Operative Charting efforts did not go unnoticed by National. We held our Coop Charting event on June 11, 2022. Our Squadron was ranked 8th in the country, and seven of our members received individual awards for their actions. Great job, guys.

Immediate Past Commander Timothy Tyler once again hosted our ExCom meeting/outing in August at the Ragged Rock Marina. Dr Mitch Wagener gave an excellent presentation on Climate Change at our September member meeting.

On Saturday, September 17th, we hosted a combined 90th Anniversary Party for both our Squadron and the Middletown Squadron, at the Middlesex Yacht Club in Chester, with Steve Kauslaskas, Echoes of Sinatra, as our entertainment.

On Sunday Sept 25th we entered a Float in the Bristol Mum Festival Parade. We didn't win a prize, but we got our name out in front of over 25,000 people.

Our Squadron helped host a wonderful District Christmas party at Campagna's Restaurant in December, featuring some Amazing Magic & Comedy with Jim Sisti.

The Hartford Boat Show at the Mohegan Sun was back again this year & we secured a Complimentary Booth from the CMTA. It was a busy show & we distributed over 300 flyers on our upcoming Boat Show/Swap meet, ABC classes, CPR class, & Member meetings to the hundreds of people who stopped by.

At our January member meeting we hosted a Trivia Contest with Steve Petty; and our February Member meeting featuring NBC Meteorologist Darren Sweeney doing a presentation on weather forecasting was cancelled due to weather.

The Secretary's Department received awards for all our publications, provided accurate and timely meeting minutes, and once again kept our histories 100% up to date.

The Treasurer's Department performed all its responsibilities in a timely fashion, arranged for our (successful) yearly audit.

I would like to thank all our members and especially the Executive Committee who have supported the Squadron & me throughout the past year. You are the ones that make the Hartford Power Squadron the great organization it is today.

Respectfully submitted, Cdr William Waseleski, AP

Annual Report of the Executive Officer

The Executive Department has under its umbrella, the Safety Department, the Vessel Safety Check Department, the Coop Charting Department, and the Boat Show.

Vessel Safety Checks. We were only able to 13 Vessel Safety Checks as we are down to only 2 Examiners. Pat is hoping to offer a VS Examiner class to attract more members into the VSC program.

CoOp Charting. We had a successful Coop Charting year. Our trip on the CT River on 11 June recorded a number of irregularities on the river, checked aids to navigation and new structures not appearing on the charts. The results awarded us with 'Honor' status at the National level.

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Hartford Boat Show. The Hartford Squadron decided to sponsor a booth at the Hartford Boat Show at the Mohegan Sun on 19-22 January. We had a lot of interest in our upcoming ABC courses as well as our Boat Show and Swap Meet.

My thanks go to all the members of the Executive Department.

Lt/C Pat Pabouet, P	Chair, Vessel Safety Check Committee
Lt/C Cliff McKibbin SN	Chair, CoOp Charting Committee
P/C Tim Tyler, SN	Chair, Safety Committee
Lt Frank Pascucci, AP	Chair, Boat Show Committee

Without their help, my job would be a lot harder and time consuming.

Special thanks to Lt/C Bill Waseleski AP for leading the effort at the Hartford Boat Show

Respectfully Submitted, Lt/C Tom Berlandy, AP

Annual Report of the Education Officer

We have ordered manuals for our advanced courses but none of the members have taken the tests.

I would like to thank Cliff McKibbin, acting as my assistant, going above and beyond and making my job a lot easier. Thanks again Cliff.

Two members of the Education Department received merit marks this year.

For 2022-23, we had the following course completions:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>New Members</u>
ABC Bristol Public Library	12 March, 2022	Pat Pabouet Cliff McKibbin	4	2
ABC Bristol Public Library	16 April, 2022	Pat Pabouet Cliff McKibbin	2	0
ABC Bristol Public Library	21 May, 2022	Pat Pabouet Cliff McKibbin	8	0
ABC Bristol Public Library	22 October, 2022	Pat Pabouet Cliff McKibbin	4	2
P 3 members ordered manuals		self admin		
AP 1 member ordered manual		self admin		
Total all Courses			18	4

Respectively submitted, Lt/C Pat Pabouet, P Educational Officer

Annual Report of the Administrative Officer

For our fiscal year, 2022-23 we had a number of excellent meetings despite the continued Covid threat:

9 April 2022 We held our annual change of watch at the Manner Inn Restaurant in Southington: members witnessed the transfer of responsibility of bridge assignments.

23 April We had our 1st annual Boat Show/Wwap Meet at the Westbrook outlets. Overall it was a great turn out. We had food trucks, all sorts of vendors used boat parts, even boats from area boat dealers.

- 24 May Our members meeting at the Olympia featured Rob Goldstein, who gave a presentation on the trip from hell, a 400-mile boat transfer trip during which everything that could go wrong, did.
- 11 June We held our annual co-op charting trip on the Connecticut river. We found a couple of structures not appearing on the charts as well as a number of buoys/ATONs with problems. We were awarded with honor status at the national level.
- 17 September We celebrated its 90th anniversary with the Middletown Squadron at the Middlesex yacht club in Chester, CT.
- 25 September We entered a float in the Bristol mom parade.
- 27 September The Members meeting at the Olympia presenter featured Dr. Stephen Wagner, Dr. Steve talked about climate change and the challenges we face.
- 25 October Our members meeting at the Olympia was canceled by staffing difficulties.
- 4 December, We joined the District Holiday party at Campagna's restaurant in Portland. Everyone had a great time with Jim Sisti amazing us with his magic.
- 19 - 22 January We had a booth at the Hartford Boat Show at the Mohegan sun and had a great turn out.
- 24 January The Members Meeting at the Olympia featured a Trivia Night. Steve Petit was our host and tested us with boating questions and musical trivia questions.
- 28 February Our Members Meeting at the Olympia was canceled due to weather.
- 15 March We had a Heart Saver CPR/AED course at East Farmington fire department
- 28 March We had our Annual Meeting and election of officers at the Olympia Diner.
- 16 April We will have our change of watch at Portofino's restaurant in Kensington. The new bridge will be officially sworn in.

Respectfully submitted, LT/C Jim Salvatore AP, Administrative officer

Annual Report of the Secretary

The Secretary Department operated efficiently this year.

Staff

The staff for the year were:

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, Secretary

1st/Lt Jeanne Waseleski, Editor, Bilge Pump

1st/Lt Frank Pascucci, AP Webmaster

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN Historian

Membership

The breakdown of our membership by grade is as follows:

Year	Members	S	P	AP	JN	N	SN
Feb, 2014	160	20	31	34	13	2	2
Feb, 2015	153	19	29	31	10	3	2
Feb, 2016	147	21	23	29	11	3	2
Feb, 2017	142	17	31	30	11	3	1
Feb, 2018	115	13	25	26	7	3	2
Feb, 2019	104	14	21	22	7	2	2
Feb, 2020	96	11	24	20	7	2	2
Feb, 2021	83	9	19	17	5	2	2
Feb, 2022	87	9	18	17	4	1	2
Feb, 2023	87	9	16	15	5	1	2

Bilge Pump

The Bilge Pump continued to be our primary means of communicating with our membership. 1st/Lt Jeanne Waseleski, published seven issues from May 2022 to March 2023. The Bilge Pump includes the schedule of upcoming activities, reports from department heads and articles of general interest, Jeanne Waseleski was honored for The Bilge Pump, receiving the "Distinctive Communicator Award" for 2022.

Squadron Web Site

We want to thank 1st/Lt Frank Pascucci, AP for maintaining our squadron website at www.hartfordpowersquadron.org. Frank was awarded the "Distinctive Communicator Award" for the website for 2022. We want to thank P/C Tim Tyler, SN for assisting Frank with the maintenance of the website. The website includes up-to-date information on upcoming activities, classes, officers and contacts.

Squadron History

Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, completed the 2021-22 history in a timely manner and we have submitted 100% of our histories.

Respectively submitted, Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, Secretary

Annual Report of the Treasurer

This year we continued all of the policies instituted in the last two years for the accounting and finances of the Hartford Power Squadron. Among these, we:

1. We were able to purchase several 5 year CDs at favorable rates due to the increase of the Fed rates.
2. Contributed to the National Education Fund for the 24th year.,
3. Prepared a draft budget for the Executive Committee at the January, February, and March meetings and submitted for approval to the Annual Meeting on 28 March, 2023.
4. Paid our State of CT sales tax for course manual sales in a timely manner.
5. Filed the CT Secretary of State Annual Report in a timely manner.
6. Filed the IRS 990-N for non-profits in a timely manner.
7. Met with our auditor, Ted Wurz, P. His report is included with the Officer Reports below

The results for this year were unusually poor with a net loss for the year of **\$1,796.22** on income of \$7,424/98 and expenses of \$9,221.20. This was primarily due to the over budget expense of our 90th Anniversary Party. It contributed **\$1,581.14** to the net loss. There were additional over budget expenses including adding to our Ship's Store inventory and entertainment at the Holiday Party. These were almost completely balanced by the profit of the Boat Show and Swap Meet and a large increase in CD interest.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee for its support of my efforts and thank Ted Wurz for his efforts as our auditor.

The end of year Financial Statement and Balance sheet have been submitted to the Executive Committee and are available to any member wanting to review them.

Respectfully Submitted, Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN, Treasurer

Hartford Power Squadron Report of the Audit Committee

March 9, 2023

To the Members of the Hartford Power Squadron

At the request of the Commander, the internal audit committee completed an internal audit of the financial statements and controls of the Hartford Power Squadron for the year ended February 28, 2023.

The audit concluded that receipts and expenditures were properly accounted for, cash accounts were properly reconciled, and that the financial statements reflect the results as presented. We also found that federal and state filings were up to date, and that accounts with National are regularly balanced and accounted for.

We note that the Squadron operated at a large loss this year of \$1,796.22. This was primarily due to the excess expenditures of \$1,581.14 for the Squadron's 90th Anniversary. Those expenses were approved by the Executive Committee. We recommend that efforts continue to look for opportunities to continue on a break-even/profit basis year to year.

Report of Audit Committee cont...

The Treasurer, Cliff McKibbin, has done an outstanding job of handling and expanding the records since assuming office and should be commended.

It has been an honor to serve on the internal audit committee this year.

Theodore J. Wurz, AP, Past Commander
Chairman, Audit Committee

Education Department

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Asst Education Officer	Dave Pero	860-680-8880	dpmusic58@msn.com

ABC classes. Our 25 March ABC class was very successful with 11 students passing. Our final ABC class for the spring will be on 20 May at the Bristol Public Library from 8:30 to 4:30 and the cost is \$50 which includes coffee and lunch. Please contact Cliff McKibbin at Cliff15.McKibbin@comcast.net to get signed up.

‘On Your Own’ Courses. Below is the list of courses that are very practical to take on your own and the ‘Net’ cost to you, a saving of 20% over the normal price. Most are available in ‘e-book’ form if you prefer those at the same price. If you are interested, please contact Dave Pero and he will get you started.

Course	Net Cost	Electives	Net Cost
Boat Handling (Formerly Seamanship)	43	Cruise Planning	43
Marine Navigation (Piloting)	43	Engine Maintenance	43
Weekend Navigator	15	Marine Electrical Systems	43
Plotting tools	15	Marine Communication Systems	43
Advanced Marine Navigation (AP)	43	Electronic Navigation Systems	43
		Radar for boaters	52
		Sail	43
		Weather	43



Boat Handling ‘in person’ course. We are working on scheduling a Boat Handling (formerly Seamanship) course in the fall. This is the first advanced course that most new members take. It will be 7 weeks long (2 hours per night), possibly on a Thursday night. If you would be interested in this class, please contact Dave Pero.

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.

In Memoriam: Jonathan Edwards Emerson March 3 2023

Jon was a member of the Hartford Power Squadron, serving as an ABC, Seamanship, and Piloting instructor from 2010 to 2018.



He taught ABC 10 times at Farmington High with 64 students. More importantly, this was the era in which National gave free membership to ABC students. From his students, we gained 65 members over the period, some of which later became officers.

He taught Seamanship once with 3 students, and Piloting once with 5 students. Jon didn’t miss many of our member meetings as well. He was always interested in learning more about boating.

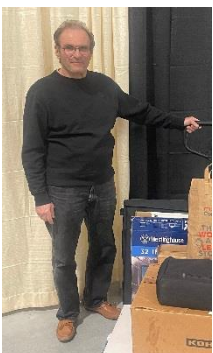
Jon Emerson, Roy Bergeron, and Pat Pabouet receiving Education awards from former Cdr Tim Tyler at the 4/7/2019 Change of Watch. (rt to left photo courtesy of Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN)

Spring Conference East Glastonbury Fish & Game Club Association 18 March



CT Fishing and Hunting Show – Shared Booth with USCG Auxiliary

24- 26 March



Commander William J. Waseleski, P (L); Lt/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P (middle); and Lt/C James Salvatore, AP (bottom left); at Mohegan Sun with with Hans Neisser (top left); and members of the USCG Auxiliary. (right)

**Change of Watch Photos 16 April
Portofino's Restaurant Kensington, CT**



**Installation by P/D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
Certificates of Appreciation given by Commander William J. Waseleski, P
(photos by Lt Frank Pascucci, AP)**

**Change of Watch Norwich Squadron
Langley's Restaurant, Waterford, CT 29 April**



Cdr William J. Waseleski, P; District Cdr Lt/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P; Cdr Eugene H. Lewis, N

HPS Second Annual Boat Show/Swap Meet Westbrook Outlets 22 April



Thank you Squadron Members, Vendors, and Visitors!

Winners of the Raffle! Paige W. \$500; Sarah B. \$300; Susan D. \$100

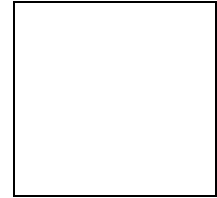


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23 May 2023 HPS Member and Guest Meeting

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

Cost: \$15 for dinner with a cash bar at 6:30p.

Reservations: Contact Jim Salvatore at jimisal1@comcast.net

“Sailing her home to CT”

Our Sailing journey 1870 miles through the water from Punta Gorda, FL to Westbrook, CT by Rob & Paula Goldstein

After sailing his family’s O’Day 27 for many years, Rob & Paula purchased a used Hunter 45 on the west coast of Florida. To get it home, he sailed and motored in both the ICW (Intercoastal Waterway) and offshore to bring her to her new home port in Westbrook, CT: 1,870 miles over 25 days.

We'll talk about lessons learned, problems along with way, show some photos, talk about the many bridges we went under, a few locks we went through and our experience with a licensed captain.

Photo is by Rob up on his 64.5’ mast looking for a possible problem after going under a bridge.

