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At the Helm

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The summer boating season has ended for a lot of us. Many boats have been brought to their winter homes and are either waiting to be hauled or are already on the hard. Winterization is complete or is nearly so, and our vessels are protected with their winter covers or are awaiting the man with the heat gun to surround them with a layer of defensive white polyethylene to protect them from the harsh weather ahead.

Those of us with school-aged children are well into fall sports mode, ushering our future Olympians off to practices and competitive events for track, swimming, football, soccer, ice hockey...the list goes on. Others, like myself, who do not have children at home, try to extend their summer by traveling to places where the weather is warm. I'm currently in St. Kitts with my lovely wife Elaine. With us are good friends and boating companions from our summer marina, Karen and Frank. They also happen to be HPS members. The days have been consistently sunny with a daytime high of 84° and a nighttime low of 76°. Water temperature is the same as the air, 84°. Boring, right? For me, I think not. I'll take it for as long as I can get it.



So why am I talking about vacationing with friends and kids in school? Just to point out that your boating activities do not need to end when the summer is over. Friends made through those activities, whether it be on the water or through events like our District Rendezvous', Mini Cruises, or Fishing Derby's, do not need to be "summer friends." You can continue to enjoy their company through the offseason at Members' Meetings, Casino/Boat Show bus trips, and yes vacations in the Caribbean. And the kids need not be the only ones continuing their education. Our Winter/Spring course offerings can help you refresh or enhance your boating knowledge for the upcoming season and allow you to have some "me time" with adults. So please consider coming to a meeting or taking a course. You can bring those boating friends with you and "double the fun."

Did someone mention Casino/Boat Show Bus Trip? Why yes, I believe they did. The Casino trip will be held on January 19th and coincides with the Hartford Boat Show which has been moved to the Mohegan Sun. Tickets can be purchased online this year with a credit card. No more having to make phone calls or mail in checks. Please see details in this issue.



Also, by request, we're bringing back the Swap Meet and Cookout this Spring. There will be a few changes and you can read about that too in this issue. One thing we would like to do is get more families and children involved. We are currently considering having a "Raingutter Regatta" event based upon those held by the Boy Scouts of America. This would be open to girls and boys and would give the kids a winter boating project they could work on with mom and dad, friends and/or siblings. Our problem is, other than knowing that they exist and are fun

for children, the bridge is not familiar with how to organize this event. If you have organized or participated in a Raingutter Regatta, your help would be invaluable. Also, if you think you have a better family oriented activity for the event and would be willing to organize it, please let me know. The best way to reach me is by the email address shown above. The phone works too, just not as well. If the phone goes to voicemail, please leave a message and I will get back to you.

That's about it for this month, I think I hear the Island Music starting up and I'm sure I see an umbrella drink waiting for me by the pool.

Stay safe out there.

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Hartford Boat Show

For the first time in 50 years, the Hartford Power Squadron will not be sponsoring a booth at the Hartford Boat Show. The decision not to participate and was based on several factors, the foremost being a lack of volunteerism by our membership at past shows. Also factored into our decision was the distance that would need to be traveled to the new venue at the Mohegan Sun Casino for set up and staffing of the booth and the additional costs that would be incurred to our squadron.

For those members that still want to enjoy the boat show, but don't want to make the drive to the casino in Uncasville, the squadron has combined a bus trip to the casino for gambling with boat show admission. Trip details can be found on page 5 in this issue.

Educational Department

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The fall season is in full swing and it is a great time of year to learn more about boating. Each Fall we offer classes in Seamanship and Advanced Piloting. This Fall we also offered Marine Communication Systems and Navigation. There has been no interest shown in the Navigation offering, but some shown in Junior Navigation. Therefore, we are looking to enroll a few people in the Junior Navigation Course. To qualify for Junior Navigation, you must have completed Advanced Piloting. Although enrollment has passed, if you are interested in taking Junior Navigation, please contact Roy Bergeron as soon as possible.

For Spring, we will be offering America's Boating Course for the CT Boat Operator Certificate in both Farmington and Simsbury. For an elective course, Weather is planned in Hartford. Piloting will be offered as an advanced course in Farmington. Piloting is offered each Spring and begins in February usually the first Thursday after the Boat Show. Specific start dates and locations of the Spring Courses will be in the January issue of *the Bilge Pump*.

The October Members' Meeting

The presenter scheduled for the October members' meeting fell ill at the last minute, so the meeting was canceled. We tried to get someone else to give a similar presentation but unfortunately, it was not possible. There are currently no plans to reschedule this presentation.

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 own 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 in the early planning stages and more information will be provided in the January issue of *the Bilge Pump*.

There was a time when the squadron was over five times its current size and many people were eager to volunteer to serve on committees and plan squadron activities. Sadly, that is no longer the case. It is becoming more difficult each year to fill the positions required to have a minimally effective Bridge.

With that in mind, the Bridge decided to review the Appointed Committee Assignments for 2018-2019 published in the last issue of *the Bilge Pump* with the intention of eliminating positions no longer needed in today's squadron environment. We have also spread the workload out to make it more equitable for those who have volunteered.

Following are the revised assignments:

| Appointed Committee Assignments for 2018-2019 | | | |
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| These members have volunteered their time and effort in the following squadron positions: | | | |
| Position | Incumbent | Position | Incumbent |
| Membership Chairman | Pat Pabouet | Historian | Cliff McKibbin |
| Bylaws Chairman | Kenneth Weeks | Law Officer | Ted Wurz |
| Chaplain | Cliff McKibbin | Publications Editor | Elaine Cleary |
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| Programs Chairman | Jim Salvatore | Photographer | Frank Pascucci |
| Officer Training Chairman | Pat Pabouet | Merit Marks | Tim Tyler |
| Boat Show | Frank Pascucci | Computer Records | Cliff McKibbin |
| Ships Store | Tom Berlandi | Web Master | Frank Pascucci |
| Vessel Safety Check | Pat Pabouet | | |

Editor's note: The elected committee chairmen (nominating, rules, and audit) were listed in the May issue.

District Holiday Party

The District is once again hosting a holiday party on 09 December at Campagna's Restaurant in Portland. Come and join us as we "kick-off" the Holiday season.

The party was held at Campagna's in 2015 and 2016. Attendees had a great time and were very pleased with not only the food but also the prices. Food ordering will be off the menu, so instead of a "party menu," you have a wonderfully extensive menu from which to choose. Appetizers, Soup and Salads, Pastas, Al Forno, Chicken, Veal, Seafood, Steaks and Desserts. They have it all. You name it, and if it's Italian, it's probably on the menu. For those of you that would enjoy a bit of libation with your meal, they have a full bar and extensive wine list.

This year's party contest will be a Best Crazy, Funny or Pretty Socks Contest with prizes awarded for each. There will also be tea-cup raffles with lots of prizes that are always fun. Let's have lots of participation and see if you can walk away with holiday goodies.

Come join us this year and enjoy the evening. The more the merrier! We'll meet at 2:00 p.m. and enjoy cocktails, to be followed by an early dinner. Please bring a toy for "TOYS FOR TOTS".

For reservations please contact RuthAnne Collins at rdctruffles@sbcglobal.net 860-444-9027 or 860-334-597 by Monday, 3 December.





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 leave the DOT parking lot on the Berlin Turnpike at 9:00 am and leave the Mohegan Sun at 8:00 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 more easily track ticket sales and will simplify the check-in process. You can click on the link below and pay for the bus trip alone, or for both the bus trip and discounted admission to the boat show. Go to <http://hartfordpowersquadron.org/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 DOT Commuter Lot, Berlin Turnpike, Newington at 9:00AM
Returns at 8:00PM

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

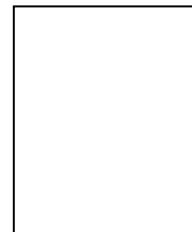
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January Members' Meeting Will Feature "Light Houses in Connecticut and Long Island"

by Susan Taumulevich



The January Members' Meeting will feature a talk by Susan Taumulevich, 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-greatest 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 Taumulevich 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.