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“Destination-Cottage” Frank Pascucci
“In the Fog” Frank Pascucci

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10 November 8 December 12 January 9 February	Executive Committee Meetings – TBD, check with the Secretary	
Schedule of Upcoming District 1 Activities		
21 November- Cancelled	District 1 Fall Conference Pattaconk Yacht Club 61 Dock Rd, Chester, CT	
21-24 January 2021	The Hartford Boat Show Earth Expo Center - Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT	
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At the Helm

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This past Tuesday evening, we had our first “in person” Members’ Meeting since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was what we had termed a “Hybrid Event.” People were welcome to attend in person, with all the appropriate social distancing and PPE protocol observed, or they could participate via Zoom. There were 12 people in attendance at the diner, and 18 attended via Zoom. The combined attendance was in line with numbers we see at an average Members’ Meeting.

I opened the meeting as usual with the “Pledge of Allegiance,” followed by Bridge Member reports, the 50/50 raffle, and concluded with our featured speaker. From the feedback I have gotten, the meeting was well-received, and our first venture into the world of Zoom was a success. In the future, we have a viable alternative to strictly in-person meetings should it be necessary.

For the last few years, we have opted to encourage our members to attend the District Holiday Party instead of taking on the task of holding our own. This year the District has decided not to hold the event. Because of this, we chose to see if it was viable to host our own. Our plan was to extend an invitation to the District to join us so that other squadrons could join us in our holiday festivities. We began our planning and sent out a one-question survey detailing our plans to all our District members, soliciting feedback on whether they would attend. Hopefully, you saw it and responded. We have reviewed the survey results, and we do not have enough interest to continue planning. For me, because I am ready for a party, the response was disappointing but understandable. COVID-19 is still out there. Many of our members are in the age range where they need to be concerned for themselves and their loved ones. As much as I would love to have a party, survey responses tell me it is just too soon. My thanks to all of you who took the time to respond. Perhaps we will have better luck next year.

That is all I have for now. I have to run; I still have winter prep to finish up on the boat! I hope Halloween was a good one for you and that you can get together with family for Thanksgiving to give thanks that 2020 is almost over.

Stay safe out there.

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Now that the Corona Virus is rearing its ugly head again, please consider filling up you idle time with a self guided course from the Hartford Power Squadron. You can get the course and finish it before the New Year.



Below is the list of courses and the 'Net' cost to you. If you are interested, please email Cliff15.McKibbin@comcast.net and he will get you started.

Course	Net Cost	Electives	Net Cost
Boat Handling (Formerly Seamanship)		Cruise Planning	34
On-line version	\$36	Engine Maintenance	29
Book	43	Marine Electrical Systems	29
Marine Navigation (Piloting)	43	Marine Communication Systems	35
Plotting tools	15	Navigation Systems	37
Advanced Marine Navigation (AP)	31	Radar for boaters	48
Junior Navigation	57	Sail	29
Nautical Almanac	28	Weather	34
Navigation	101		
Ditto on Almanac	28		



27 October Members' Meeting Program

“Whales are Back in New York Waters” by Lisa Piastuch

This program was ‘in-person’ and via Zoom. There were 12 participants at the Olympia Diner, and 18 via Zoom. Members connected locally from CT and Springfield, MA; and Zoomed all the way from New Smyrna Beach, FL. Thanks to Lt Frank Pascucci Jr., AP, Lt/C James Salvatore, AP, and D/Lt Cliff McKibbon, SN, for their preliminary, and in-person technical assistance to make this presentation a reality.

Lisa Piastuch gave great insight into the New York Bight Whale Monitoring Program, explaining the marine environment, emphasizing the importance of protecting marine resources, means of surveillance; and future goals. This included development of a long-term monitoring program. A number of slides were featured, including: the New York Bight Survey Area, Whale and Sea Turtle species, and Aerial & Acoustic Survey results. Lisa also answered questions from Zoom attendees. This made for an entertaining and informative evening.



Top Photos: L to R Executive Committee: Frank Pascucci Jr, Pat Pabouet, Ted Wurz, Cdr Timothy Tyler, Bill Waseleski, Jim Salvatore.
 Speaker Lisa Piastuch, NAMEPA Education and Outreach Director, via Zoom.
Bottom Photos: Cliff McGibbon, Executive Committee, via Zoom.
 Rav and Barbara Huber. Springfield, MA



SPRING, DAFFODILS, and a PHOTO CONTEST!

Spring into action! What a great time to showcase your skills. We want to see your **FALL, WINTER, and EARLY SPRING** photos related to projects on, or around your boats. (2020-2021) The contest is open to all members of the Hartford Power Squadron.

DEADLINE is Thursday, April 15th 2021. **WINNER** will be **FEATURED** in the **MAY** **ISSUE** of the **BILGE Pump**.

CONTEST RULES:

- You must take all images yourself (unlimited/ max file 15MB)
- Digital submissions accepted: .jpg, .jpeg, .bmp, .gif, .png
- Color or B & W
- Images should be named, and submitted by midnight on **Tuesday, April 7th, 2021**-they will not be returned
- Contest is judged by Squadron Photographer and *the Bilge Pump Editor*/
-with a tie, Squadron Commander casts the deciding vote
-*decision of the judges is final*
- You are providing The Hartford Power Squadron with rights to use the image(s) for advertising/ promotion of the Power Squadron
- Winners will be announced at the April 28th Members' Meeting

FIRST PRIZE will be a 13" x 19" **Gallery Wrapped Canvas Print** of the winning photograph! The top five runners-up will also be featured in the May Issue.

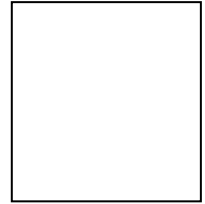




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