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At the Helm

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Ahoy All!

It's time to put our boats away, but the weather doesn't agree. The record-breaking warmth has extended this year's boating season.

Our District Holiday Party is coming up quickly. This year's Holiday Party will be at the Middletown Elks Club on Sunday afternoon Dec 15th, 2PM-6PM. We moved it to a new time, so more of our fellow squadron members who don't like to drive at night can join us. We will be featuring Nardella's Music with Dennis Nardella, an excellent dinner, and Yankee Swap Grab Bag. Dennis will entertain us with Holiday music & taking requests throughout the afternoon. He promises to get us up & dancing!

District 1 is participating in the 2025 Hartford Boat Show again this year (Jan. 16th-19th). We are looking for volunteers to help staff the booth. If you are interested in signing up for a 3-4-hour time slot, or have any questions regarding the show, please contact me at wjwaseleski@gmail.com or our Secretary Cliff McKibbin at cliff15.mckibbin@comcast.net. Admission to the show is Free for those who help staff our booth.

Our October member meeting at the Olympia Diner went very well. Our Assistant Admin Officer, Susan Chenard, gave an excellent presentation on her real-life experiences diving in the Red Sea & the Gulf of Aqaba. It's definitely a different environment than here in New England.

The Olympia Diner, our regular meeting place for many years, has been sold & will be closing to make room for a new fast-food restaurant with a drive-through window. Our past meeting was probably the last time we would meet there. We will be searching for a new meeting place; your ideas & suggestions would be greatly appreciated. You can contact me at my new email address, wjwaseleski@gmail.com.

In the meantime, we are arranging a tour of a boat restoration facility in Branford, CT for our January Member Meeting. Details will be forthcoming when the plans for the event are finalized.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the District Holiday Party & wish you all a safe, healthy, & happy Holiday Season.

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP

LAST CHANCE!!!

FALL PHOTO CONTEST - NAUTICAL THEME

Open to Squadron members and their family

Submit up to three of your best photos taken in 2023 or 2024

DEADLINE DECEMBER 15TH!

1st prize \$50 cash, 2nd prize \$25, and 3rd prize \$10

Winners will be announced in the January Bilge Pump, with prizes given at the January Member Meeting. Photos in an upcoming issue.

Click here to [Upload your](#) JPEG PICTURE

Education Department

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Our fall education schedule is coming to an end. Four members have taken the Marine Electrical Systems test and 2 students just finished our ABC class at the Bristol Public Library.

We will be announcing our spring education schedule in the January Bilge Pump, but we plan to give ABC classes as well as an Advanced Marine Navigation class. For now, if you would like to take some other courses, we can get you signed up to take one on your own. The list below is being offered at lower than usual prices as a benefit of your membership, so please don't hesitate to take advantage of it.

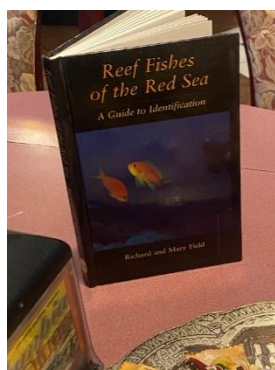
| Course | Net Cost | Electives | Net Cost |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| Boat Handling (Formerly Seamanship) | | Cruise Planning | 40 |
| On-line version | \$40 | Engine Maintenance | 40 |
| Book | 43 | Marine Electrical Systems | 40 |
| Marine Navigation (Piloting) | 43 | Marine Communication Systems | 40 |
| Plotting tools | 15 | Navigation Systems | 40 |
| Advanced Marine Navigation (AP) | 43 | Radar for boaters | 40 |
| | | Sail | 40 |
| | | Weather | 40 |

Please email Cliff McKibbin at cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net to register or to get more information.

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.

Highlights of October Member Meeting

Susan Chenard, our Asst Admin Officer, transported us to other countries- travel and dive trips- giving a colorful description of her adventures diving and exploring in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba, complete with photos and maps.



Top to Bottom: Speaker 1st Lt Susan Chenard introduced by Lt/C James Salvatore, AP; Selected books were displayed related to her travels; Small treats from those regions were offered to attendees; Susan explained how treacherous diving and coral reefs can be; Cdr Wm J. Waseleski, AP presents Speaker with a Power Squadron mouse pad.

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DON'T FORGET THE CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER!

District Holiday Party ----Featuring Dennis Nardella Music and the Yankee Swap!

District 1 is hosting a holiday party on Sunday, 15 December, at the Middletown Elks Lodge, 44 Maynard St, Middletown, CT.

The party will start at 2:00PM with a Cash Bar (Elks Member Prices) and a cheese & cracker platter. We will have a fantastic buffet spread with Chicken Marsala, Penne marinara with shredded parmigiana, Kara’s homemade meatballs in marinara, Roasted Garlic mashed potatoes, Sauteed mixed vegetable medley, salad of mixed greens, grape tomatoes, red onion, shaved carrot & cucumber, balsamic vinaigrette, assorted toasted dinner rolls and butter, dessert, and coffee.



For fun we have planned a Yankee-Swap. Bring a wrapped gift, \$10 value, for the Yankee Swap. Be the next member to bring the “Hot Item”—it’s cutthroat! Dennis Nardella, “Nardella’s Music”, will entertain us with Holiday and a wide selection of music. He will be taking requests throughout the party & will get you up & dancing!

We will be collecting unwrapped gifts for “Toys for Tots”. Don’t miss out on this party. The cost is \$36.00 per person. Book early as there are only 65 tickets.

Please send your check for \$36.00 per person made out to “USPS D-1” to: Peter Jenkin, 26 Essex Glen Dr, Essex, CT 06426 by 6 December 2024 or pay by credit card at: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/1ef8dbf2-86e5-488a-a284-1e2416a01a3d>