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20 November	<b>District 1 Fall Conference, Patticonk YC, Chester, CT</b>	
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# At the Helm

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Ahoy All,

For those of us in the Northeast, it's time to start putting away our boats for the winter and planning our adventures for next year. For those of you who caught Nick Civitillo's presentation on the Great Loop, that may be one for your Bucket List.

Through the winter months, one of the goals of our Squadron is to keep our members engaged. It's an opportunity to brush up on boating skills, plan trips & improvements to our vessels, & have some Boating Fun, out of the water!

We have a dynamic presentation lined up for our October member meeting. Master Chief Kellen Volland from SUBASE New London will be giving a presentation on the Submarine Force of Today.

Our Christmas Party on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at Campagna's Restaurant in Portland will be a lot of fun, featuring the "Sounds of Sinatra", an excellent dinner, and Yankee Swap Grab Bag.

In January we're planning another Bus Trip to the Hartford Boat Show at the Mohegan Sun on Saturday January 22, 2022. It's a party all the way down and back, and is open to members & their guests. Attending the show is optional, you can go just to visit the Casino.

The Executive Committee of the Hartford Power Squadron is doing its best to make your membership valuable, fun, & worthwhile. To make the Squadron better, we need your help. Your input is critical to our success. Send us your comments and ideas. Better yet, we welcome volunteers with open arms! We need instructors, vessel examiners, help recruiting new members, running programs, .... If you can't volunteer, ask your kids, even your grand kids, if they will volunteer. The youth of today can especially help us with Social Media and Marketing. They are our future.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next member meeting & hope you get to enjoy your boat for a few more weeks before putting it away for the season.

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP



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**Want to Help Teach? The Hartford Power Squadron Education Dept. is looking for instructors to teach Boating, Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigator and Navigator.**

**If you are looking to pass on your boating knowledge we need to hear from you. Join an elite group of members that give back to our organization and keep your fellow boaters safe. Take the first step: Call Pat Pabouet at 860 781-7106 or Cliff McKibbin at 860 655-4623**

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## Hartford Squadron CoOp Charting

The Hartford Squadron made its annual CoOp Charting trip on the Connecticut River on June 5th. They found 72 ATONs with no discrepancies, 2 were off-station, 2 were missing, 12 had missing numbers or needed paint badly.

The discrepancies were all reported to the USCG. The two boats met at Haddam Meadows State Park before returning to the East Hartford ramp and the Saybrook 'under bridge' ramp respectively.

This year's team was Ted Wurz (seated), P/D/C Pat Pabouet, P/C Tim Tyler, Lt/C Tom Berlandy, Ken Letendre, P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, Cdr Bill Waseleski.  
Photo by Paula Berlandy



- Is your Certificate number somewhere in this Issue? Notify Commander Lt/C William J. Waseleski, AP or Secretary Lt/C Clifford W. McKibbin, SN to receive a \$20 cash prize and a free dinner at the Olympia Diner. Winner must come to a meeting to receive the prize.

## **October Members Meeting Features “Submarine Force of Today” by Master Chief Kellen Volland**



### **CMDCM (SS) Kellen Volland**

#### **Command Master Chief, Navy Submarine Base New London**

In February 2021, Command Master Chief Volland became the 19<sup>th</sup> Command Master Chief of Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Conn.

Born in Quincy, Illinois, Command Master Chief Volland has also become a Connecticut native. Following graduation from Groton’s Robert E. Fitch Senior High School in 2002, he enlisted in the Navy and volunteered for the Submarine Force, ascending the ranks and earning designation as a specialist in submarine warfare.

He completed basic training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois, and Basic Enlisted Submarine School and Sonar Technician “A” School at Naval Submarine School, in Groton.

Command Master Chief Volland’s at sea assignments include USS HARTFORD (SSN-768) stationed in Groton, where he served as a member, and then Leading Petty Officer, of Sonar Division. During this assignment, he advanced to First Class Petty Officer, earned his Enlisted Submarine Warfare insignia, and completed various deployments to the Southern, Mediterranean and Central Command Areas of Operation.

He also served in USS MISSOURI (SSN-780) stationed in Groton, as the Sonar Division Leading Chief Petty Officer; and after advancing to Senior Chief in June 2012, he assumed the duties of Weapons Department Senior Enlisted Advisor. USS MISSOURI completed a six month deployment as well as a surge deployment to the European Command (EUCOM) Area of Operations, while Command Master Chief Volland was assigned. In August 2017, he reported to USS NORTH DAKOTA (SSN 784) stationed in Groton, as the ship’s third Chief of the Boat. He led USS NORTH DAKOTA through two Six Month EUCOM deployments and achieved Two Meritorious Unit Citations, and the 2018 COMSUBRON FOUR Battle “E” Award.

Command Master Chief Volland’s shore assignments include duty as a recruiter and Station Leading Chief Petty Officer for Navy Recruiting District New England, and serving as Sonar Assistant on the Staff of Submarine Squadron Four in Groton.

Command Master Chief Volland is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Academy Class 61 and the Chief of the Boat/Command Master Chief course. His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (five awards), Good Conduct Medal (five awards), and numerous unit and campaign awards.

**Cost:** \$15 for dinner with a cash bar at 6:30p.  
**Place:** Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT  
**Reservations:** Contact **Jim Salvatore** at [jimsal1@comcast.net](mailto:jimsal1@comcast.net).

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## Last Month's Speaker- Nick Civitillo gave a spirited speech on America's Great Loop- completed with his wife Tracy

**Facts:** 1987 Tollycraft 44 CPMY Motor Yacht

3.2 gallons/hr @ 8-13 knots

\$5600 for fuel

NEBO app

Joined the AGLCA (American Great Loop Association)

Can be done very easily- 50miles/day & watch the weather

2019- 170 Vessels on the Loop

Start Erie Canal in May (best weather)

Waterford, NY- Start of Erie Canal

Harbor Hosts- Help AGLCA members in every port



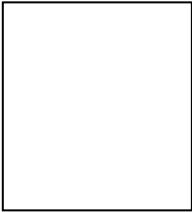
(top to bottom- 1 to rt) 1-Map of The Great Loop. 2-Nick & Tracy on the Kailani. 3-Tracy sharing the view of the New York City Skyline. 4-Gateway to the Trent-Severn Waterway, Ontario, Canada. 5-Nick and Tray holding AGLCA beginning & ending burgees. 6-Cdr Lt/c Wm Waseleski, AP presents Speaker Nick with US Power Squadron mouse pad & custom pen.



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# FALL PHOTO CONTEST!

**DEADLINE NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> prize \$50 cash, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$25, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$10.**



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