



The Yardarm

The Cdr's View

Eleanor Mariani, AP

Let's get boating and Have some fun!

Greetings,

Thanks to all of you that attended the Change of Watch. We were honored to have District 1 Commander Bud Greenbacker do the swearing in of the Executive Board! Thanks to the dedicated Executive Board. They have made my job easier and fun. I look forward to serving another year and hope we can get some enthusiasm within our ranks to come out and partake of the events...both educational, civic and social. After all, that is what we are all about.

There are a lot of things going on this summer and starting soon!! We have been invited to attend a picnic at Westerly Yacht Club on Monday, June 20. If you never have been there—don't pass up this opportunity to see it. The place is beautiful and the people are great! If you have been before, you know you are in for a great time.

Also, on June 25 our Squadron is hosting the Essex Rendezvous.



It is going to be a fun time. The place is pretty cool. You drive into Essex and take a short ferry ride to the Island. Or if you come by boat, you can get a slip right on the Island. There will be flare demos—practice shooting off some flares yourself—and we are trying to get a fire extinguisher simulator so that you can practice putting out a "real" fire. Start out the season by renewing or making some friendships with your Squadron members. Call me for tickets.

You are all cordially invited to my house July 16th for the Third Annual Lobster Fest. You can come by boat (to Thames River) or by car. See page 6 for details.

Check out the other events coming up, both through the NLPS and the District. The 2011 Executive Board would love to see you! We know you are busy, but take a break and have some fun.

Fair Winds, Eleanor

CALENDAR NLPS, D1 and other Squadron Events

www.newlondonpowersquadron.org

- 4 June — D1—Fishing Tournament**, contact New London's Chris Jordan 860-908-0688 pelagic104@sbcglobal.net
- 13 June —** Executive Board Meeting; home of Truxton Brodhead
- 20 June —** Westerly Power Squadron—Picnic, Westerly Yacht Club 15th
- 25 June — D1—Essex Island Rendezvous**, \$10 adults, \$5 youth, Dinner 1700, New London Host (see page 5 for details)
- 25 June —** West Cove Yacht Club Safety Day, Spicer's Noank, NLPS does VSCs
- 2 July —** Groton Fire Works, Subfest (July 1—3)
- 8 July —** Norwich Fire Works, festivities start at 5pm with food entertainment
- 9 July —** New London Fire Works and Sailfest (July 8—10); join up with Springfield PS (see page 7)
- 11 July —** Executive Board Meeting; home of Eleanor Mariani
- 12-14 July — D1—Matt-A-Mar Marina Rendezvous**, on Mattituck Inlet, Cutchogue, NY features Olympic sized pool, restaurants, shopping, movies, kid friendly (see page 7)
- 16 July —** Membership Meeting, LOBSTER FEST!!!, home of Eleanor Mariani (see page 6)
- 8 Aug —** Executive Board Meeting; vessel of Tony Salzarulo
- 27 August— D1—Poker Run**, Hamburg Yacht Club, save the date
- 1 Sept —** Navigation Class, Norwich Squadron Host, NLPS member Lea Jewett teaching, Waterford PD; all JN members invited, see next edition for details.
- 12 Sept —** Executive Board Meeting; location TBA
- 26 Sept —** Membership Meeting, New Seahorse Restaurant, Noank
- 10 Oct —** Executive Board Meeting; location TBA
- 24 Oct —** Membership Meeting; Italian American Club, Groton
—speaker: Birds of Connecticut
- 14 Nov —** Executive Board Meeting
- 21 Nov —** Membership Meeting, New Seahorse Restaurant, Noank
- 12 Dec —** Holiday Party at home of Ruth and MacDonald, Lisbon

May

Thomas Clay, Sr., S 25th
Andrew DiCostanzo 2nd
Jack Kurrus, SN P/C 8th
Nancy Riella, S 4th

June

Debralyn Baker 6th
Gail Brown 18th
Kevin Murphy, AP, P/Lt/C 14th
Francis Rago, P 21th
Karen Volkmar, S 4th

Happy Birthday to You!!!

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Change of Watch Ceremony April 17, Groton Elks

Commander Mariani awards long time member John "Jack" Kurrus a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Squadron. Jack has been an active member for 46 years and was instrumental in shaping our local squadron.



Greetings to all,

I hope this spring finds everyone well and eager to start a new boating season. I can't wait to get out on the water, in spite of the outrageous fuel prices we are facing.

**Message from the
Education Officer**
P/C Chris Jordan



Our second ABC3 class for the year has just left the dock. This class will end with the exam on 25 May. I would like to thank the ABC regulars Tony Salzarulo and Kim Boswell for showing up every week and helping to make the ABC3 course possible

We have also just finished the Seamanship course. I would like to thank Lee Jewett for instructing this class. I know he has a lot on his plate by serving as instructor for the venerable JN course.

See you on the water. Chris Jordan, SEO

**Message from the
Admin Officer**
L/C Kim Boswell



Greetings to All,

I hope this letter finds you all well. Spring has finally sprung, and a new tide has come and our Watch has changed. I want to thank all of you for your confidence in voting me as your Administrative Officer again this year. I also want to say Congratulations to all of the Officers who were re-elected to the Bridge for this coming year. A special thank you goes out to Ruth McDonald for all of her help in putting the Raffle together for me for the Change of Watch ceremony.

I wanted to extend a wonderful thank you to the members who attended our Change of Watch Ceremony at the Elk's Lodge in Groton on the 17th of April. Going there was the first time for our Squadron, and I can't thank you enough for the wonderful comments I received about the whole venue. It was absolutely beautiful there and the food was outstanding.

I am planning a few different events for this year, see the calendar of events for dates. Try to make the District 1 Rendevous in Essex on June 25. But whatever you do, don't miss the Lobster Fest at Commander Mariani's home in Quaker Hill. The food is good, the price is right and the location can't be beat. Last year we had a wonderful turnout, and I am hoping to see some new faces this year.

Until next tide change, be safe.

Kim

2011 Essex Island District Rendezvous Hosted by New London Squadron!!!



When? Saturday, June 25; 0900—1900

What's Happening? Boaters can stay the weekend by making slip reservations directly with the marina.—June 24—26

Come by car and bring the whole family on Saturday for lots of activities including pool, poster contest, flare demo, fire extinguisher demo, Homeland Security boat, Vessel Safety Checks, picnic, and more. Enjoy the whole day.

Picnic tickets are \$10.00/Adult and \$5.00/children.
Call Cmdr. Mariani (860) 287-4324 for tickets.

What Else?

Events:

Saturday, 25 June -

- 0700 – Breakfast on your own at Marley's
- 0900 -- Children's activities; poster contest.
Children can start a poster anytime during the day.
- 1030 -- Flare Demo and Fire Extinguisher Demo
- 1130 -- PFD demo at pool
- 1200 -- Light Luncheon hosted by New Haven.
- 1300 -- D/1 Council Meeting on the deck, hosted by New Haven.
- Blessing of the Fleet
- 1500 -- Poster Contest Judging

1700 -- Cookout – Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, beans, salad, dessert, hosted by New London .

All Day --

- The pool is open!
- A Coast Guard Vessel from Homeland Security will be present for information and display.
- Vessel Examiners will be available throughout the day both Saturday and Sunday to perform VSCs.

Friday and Sunday: There will be informal get-to-gathers for dinner and breakfast on your own at Marley's café on the island.

Please bring your own lawn chair(s). In the event of rain, the cookout will start at 1500.

Contact: Dockage: \$3.50 per foot (25 foot min). Docking arrangements to be made directly with Essex Island Marina by 18 June 2010. Please contact the marina at 860-767-1267. State that you are a member of District 1 USPS.
For further info about event contact: D/1 Admin Officer Arthur Andrea, (203) 468-1210

Directions: Take Rt. 9 to exit 3. Turn left onto Rt. 154.
From North, turn left onto West Ave. From South, turn right onto West Ave.
Take West Ave into the center of town and continue down Main St. Take a left onto Ferry St and another left onto Pratt St. Park in any available spot on the street. Take the small ferry over to Essex Island (no charge).





Lobster Fest - Home of Cmdr. Eleanor Mariani and Ron Murallo

When: July 16, noon

Where: 16 Wilson Avenue, Quaker Hill

How Much?: \$25

—includes lobster, steamers, burgers

What to Bring: Side dish or desert; BYOB Bring chairs

How do I get there?: Come by car or by boat!



By land: Route 32N—take right at 4th light onto Benham Avenue, go over railroad tracks, take a left onto Wilson Avenue, Road ends at our house.

Route 32 S—take left at 5th light onto Benham Avenue, follow directions above.

By water: Heading north up Thames River, after Gold Star Bridge, when pass Buoy "5", head west, house is most northern home in Mamacoke Cove; good anchoring southeast of Mamacoke Island. N41°23.344' W72°05.962' More details: Call Eleanor 860 442-8007

RSVP to LT/C Kim Boswell by **July 7**, kim.boswell08@gmail.com or (860) 933-9875



Tri-Squadron + 1 Picnic—Westerly Yacht Club

When: 1830 on Monday June 20

Where: Westerly Yacht Club, 1 Watch Hill Road, Westerly, RI

What to Bring: Appetizer or Desert, Lawn Chair

Westerly Power Squadron will provide the main dish.

Come relax after a hard day's work and enjoy the ambiance of the WYC. Visit their beautiful bar for a drink, then join the festivities outside.

RSVP to Kim Boswell by June 15

Kim.boswell08@gmail.com or (860) 933-9875



D/1 Mini Cruise to Mattatuck, Long Island, NY 12 - 14 August

Matt a Mar Marina, P.O. Box 952, Cutchogue, NY 11935 631-298-4735



What's it Cost?

\$3.25/ft/night dockage, \$6.00 /day electric

What's the Plan?

- Friday -** 1730 – Cocktails, Dinner on your own
Saturday - 0800 – Breakfast in the Picnic Area, Pancakes and Coffee supplied by District 1.
 1700 – Cocktails
 1830 – Summer Cookout, bring your own meat. Salad supplied by District 1
 Cost: \$6.00
Sunday – Cruise home

Make your own reservations by completing the Matt-a-Mar form available from Sail Angle or from geomgilb@aol.com, Notify Art Andrea at trescooch@sbcglobal.net and let him know you are coming.

Springfield Power Squadron's Annual Trip to the New London (CT) Fireworks on Saturday, July 9, 2011

Anchor/raft outside the swing bridge entrance to Crocker's Boat Yard (west side of the Thames south of the ferry dock). Dewars Delight will be on station from about 3 p.m. on. Give Ray & Barb Huber a call on Channel 9, or call them at 1-413-427-0122. Boats can stay overnight in the anchorage or head back to their homeport after the show, about 10. RSPV to know how many boats to expect. Call if you have questions but do come enjoy the fun & fireworks!

RSVP to: Cdr. Karl R. Meyer, AP
17 Shadowbrook Estates, So. Hadley, MA 01075
or call him at 413-330-3863 by July 6, 2011

D/1 ANNUAL POKER RUN – HAMBURG COVE YACHT CLUB 27 AUGUST

More details will be posted closer to the date or you can contact the chairperson:
 JOE FERNANDES by phone at 860-276-9407 or email: jfernandes8@cox.net

Please mark your calendar and save these dates. Even if you don't boat, you can always come by car to share in the events on land, so don't count any event out.

Also, check the next Flying Bridge for more details & more events. *Boating is Fun . . . Let Us Show You How!*

