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The Cdr's View

Tony Salzarulo



As I assume my new position as Squadron Commander, I want to thank those members who have come forward with helpful suggestions on how we can improve our Squadron. I take all such suggestions very seriously and welcome any of your comments or observations. For those members I haven't met yet, let me introduce myself. My friends call me Tony and I live in Colchester with my wife Doreen. We own a 31 ft. Catalina sloop named "Aria" that we keep at Spicer's Marina in Noank. We are on "E" dock. If you're in the area this summer come by and say hello.

Your newly installed bridge is eager to move the Squadron forward. We plan to increase member involvement and to provide the public at large with superior educational programs, vessel safety exams, and interaction with Squadron members. Our message is simple: *Safe and responsible boating through education.*

We need to let the public know who we are and what we do. We have some public relations ideas in the works but we're constantly looking for new ways of getting our message out there. Recently, New London Power Squadron was part of a "Safety Awareness Day" sponsored by the West Cove Yacht Club and Spicer's Marina. (See inside article and photos, page 4). This event was quite successful in getting boaters in-

formation about the power squadron. It was great to meet and talk to fellow boaters and discuss our course and seminar offerings. Most importantly, we developed a strategic partnership with a fellow yacht club and marina while, at the same time, had lots of fun!

We are interested in developing such strategic partnerships with other yacht clubs, marinas, boat rental establishments, tackle shops and other places that boaters visit. If you belong to such an organization please come forward. Drop me an e-mail. Something as simple as placing the power squadron poster in such places reminds the boating public that we are present in the community. It provides them with a web site or phone number to see what courses and seminars we are offering or to have a vessel safety check.

You might be thinking, "OK Commander, that's fine for our interaction with the public but what about our own membership?" That's a tougher question. Our turnout at member meet-

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CALENDAR NLPS Events



<http://www.usps.org>



4 Jun, Mon - Tri-Squadron+ 1 Picnic, Pot Luck and FLARE COLLECTION AND DEMONSTRATIONS1700, Waterford Beach Pavilion

12 Jun, Tues - Executive Board meeting, home of Eleanor Mariani, 16 Wilson Avenue, Quaker Hill, 1900

District 1 Events

22-24 Jun, — District 1 Council Meeting (June 23) and Rendezvous, Essex Island.

6-7 Jul, — Weekend Rendezvous at Mystic Seaport with Decorate your hat contest, Pasta Dinner on Lawn Saturday PM. Make your own reservations with Dock Office at 860-572-5391.

18 Aug. — Westbrook, SAIL Race, contact Jack Kurrus at 860-442-0056; Predicted Log Con test, contact Alfred Mongillo at 203-734-5213.

22 Sep. — Poker Run at Harburg Cove. Contact Joe Fernandes, P 860-276-9407

Contact Lt/C Robert Leete, AP (860) 691-1236 for more information on any event.



Happy Birthday!

NAME	TOWN	SPECIAL DAY	MEMBER SINCE
Michael Blum	Farmington	08	2007
Thomas Clay Sr., S	Groton	26	1988
Jack Kurrus, SN	New London	08	1966
Peter John Schultz, P	Uncasville	09	2003

Want to Dispose of Your Expired Flares??

Come to the Tri-Squadron Picnic, Waterford Town Beach, at the Pavilion, June 4.

The Department of Environmental Protection will be on hand to collect expired flares that are in good condition.

You can also shoot them off at Waterford Town Beach.

Open to the Public—Tell your friends!



Tri-Squadron + 1 Picnic

Waterford Beach Pavilion

Hosted by the

New London Power Squadron

Members, Family and Guests are invited.

All are welcome!

When: Monday, June 4, 2007

1830—2100 Rain or Shine

Where: Waterford Town Beach, Waterford Pavilion

What's Happening:

- ◆ Legally shoot off your expired flares; come learn the nuances of launching flares safely **open to public**
- ◆ Dispose of your flares: DEP will be collecting any that don't get used
- ◆ Come relax, eat, and meet members from Norwich, Old Saybrook, and Westerly Squadrons

How Much? \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children 12 and under

What's to eat?:

- ◆ Hot Dogs, Hamburgers with all the fixings, sodas, coffee, water
- ◆ NLPS members are asked to bring side dishes
- ◆ Westerly Squadron folk are asked to bring appetizers or fruit to share.
- ◆ Norwich and Saybrook are asked to bring desserts.

Registration:

Notify **Bob Leete** at (860)691-1236 or **robert b leete@sbcglobal.net** of your plans to attend by **Friday, May 27**, pay at the picnic.

*Do bring lawn chairs, blankets, games
No alcoholic beverages allowed*

Directions to Waterford Beach Pavilion, 317 Great Neck Road (Rte 317), Waterford, CT

From Niantic: Take CT Rte. 156 East over the Niantic River bridge, and continue straight, 2.4 miles to Great Neck Road, CT Rte 213 (traffic light at intersection). Turn Right on Great Neck Road. See Driving Directions (Continued), below.

From Points North: Take I-395 South to Exit 82, for CT Rte 85. Turn Left on Rte 85, and go 0.9 mile to Cross Road (traffic light at intersection). Turn Right on Cross Road and go 2-1/4 miles to Boston Post Road, US Rte 1 (traffic light at intersection). Turn Left on Boston Post Road and go 1.6 miles to Avery Lane (Look for Silva's Package store on the corner and a traffic light at the intersection). Turn Right on Avery Lane and go 1/4 mile to Great Neck Road, CT Rte 213 (traffic signal at the intersection). Go straight ahead on Great Neck Road. See Driving Directions (Continued), below.

From Groton and Points East: Take I-95 South over the Gold Star Bridge and continue 3.5 miles to Exit 81 for Cross Road. Continue on access road past Wal-Mart 0.6 miles to Cross Road (Traffic Light at Intersection). Turn Left on Cross Road and go 1.1 miles to Boston Post Road, US Rte 1 (traffic light at intersection). Turn Left on Boston Post Road and go 1.6 miles to Avery Lane (Look for Silva's Package store on the corner and a traffic light at the intersection). Turn Right on Avery Lane and go 1/4 mile to Great Neck Road, CT Rte 213 (traffic signal at the intersection). Go straight ahead on Great Neck Road. See Driving Directions (Continued), below.

Driving Directions (Continued): From intersection of CT Rte 156, Avery Lane and Great Neck Road - Go South on Great Neck Road 3.6 miles to a stop sign. Turn right into the entrance road for the Eugene O'Neil Theater Center and Waterford Beach Park. Turn right again at small gatehouse into Waterford Beach Park parking area. Follow signs to Tri-Squadron Picnic in Pavilion #1, and to the Beach for the DEP Flare Demonstration. There is no parking fee for these events.



Pipe Her Aboard

NLPS is pleased to reinstate Patricia Todd, AP. She hails from New London and owns a Silverton.

Thanks for Helping!

L/C Bob Leete, AP wanted to thank all the volunteers that helped staff the NLPS booth for the 11th Annual Warehouse Sale at Defender's, Waterford, which ran from Thursday, March 29 through Sunday, April 1.

He was especially grateful for those that contacted him close to the time of the event to offer their services, when their schedules opened up. This allowed him to spread the load more equitably and hold down the number of multiple shifts individuals were asked to serve. This event occurred at the same time as the D1 annual meeting in Groton.

SPEICAL THANKS TO:

- Lt/C Ellen Barbour
- Trux Brodhead
- Cmdr. Henry Curtis
- Jack Kurrus
- Lea Jewett
- Bob Leete
- Leo MacDonald
- Lt/C Jon Peterson
- Lt/C Tony Salzarulo

Defender's expressed its appreciation for our participation as a non-profit civic organization

NLPS Steppin' Out

New London Power Squadron attended a Safety Day held by the West Cove Yacht Club which hails from Spricer's Marina, Noank (of which-Commander Salzarulo is a member). Staff were on hand to promote the NLPS and to provide Vessel Safety Checks.



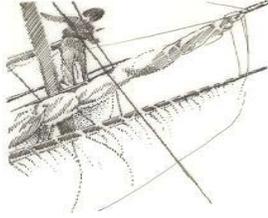
Special Thanks to **Lea Jewett** and **Ellen**



Barbour for performing the VSEs and to **John Robinson** for dropping off materials.

It was a fun time and shows what we as a Squadron can accomplish when we mingle. The booth was staffed by **Cmdr. Tony Salzarulo, Lt/C Ellen Barbour, Lea Jewett and Lt/C Eleanor Mariani. Lt/C Chris Wick** stopped by to support the group. In the future we hope to get more member participation.





Looking Back

OVER THE YARDARM

25 YEARS AGO

May 1982

The May issue in 1982 was the new Commander Bob Leventhal's first Yardarm column. Page 3 of the May issue contained an important Article on the upcoming Windjammer Weekend.

WINDJAMMER WEEKEND

June 19-20

At the executive committee meeting, Cdr Leventhal gathered all the loose ends together on this caper. The facts are:

1. The booth is going to be situated at the base of the flagpole in downtown Mystic.
2. Bernie Rogers with the help of the Commander's son and other members will construct the booth.
3. It will be decorated with old Ensign covers and paint and signs.
4. Information as to Fall classes for all Squadrons in the area will be passed out.
5. A boating safety-type test will be given to those interested.
6. We will offer Chapman's, plotters, dividers etc. for sale.

The Booth will be manned by the following:

Saturday 6-19

10-12	Dave Ferrell
12-2	Marland Shoemaker
2-4	Bernie Baker???

Sunday 6-20

10-12	John Robinson
12-2	Robert Pia
2-4	Kenneth Pia

50 YEARS AGO

May 1957

As reported previously 1957 copies of the Yardarm are in short supply, however a recent cache of old Change of Watch Programs received from P/D/C Dolores Loprinze proved to be very interesting and I think worth passing on..

It appears that in the early years and through 1962 at least, the Change of Watch was referred to as the Annual Dinner and Graduation. It appears that the Graduation referred to the graduation of the spring Boating class which in those days was really the Piloting class. In 1952 the Annual Dinner and Graduation was held at the Mohican Hotel on the Roof Garden, at 7:30 in the evening. The program notes that "Ladies are Invited", membership was not open to women in those days. The program listed the names of 35 students who were to receive their completion certificates for the Piloting class.. The certificates were handed out first then the program continued with the "Change of Command".

Rules for Dinghy Building Contest (D/1 Rendezvous) (from page 7)

1. Dinghy must be made out of recyclable material (ie: wine corks, beer or soda cans, plastic bottles, etc)
2. Must be between 18" - 24" long x 6" - 8" wide
3. Must be open and able to hold a payload
4. Must be able to float
5. May be made at home or at the Rendezvous. Must be ready for judging at 1100 on 23 June 2007.



Sign Up Today!

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

Lea Jewett, SN

It is that time of year when the covers come off and preparations are made for launching. One thing that should be part of the list is a **Vessel Safety Exam**. For those who don't know about it, it is free.



If you wish to have an exam please feel free to get in touch with **Ellen Barbour**, **Greg Roth** or myself to schedule an exam or go to <http://www.safetyseal.net>.



If you are interested in becoming an examiner or wish to re-qualify please call me.

You can contact Lea at (860) 443-6499 if you are interested in meeting people, hanging around boats, and providing a hands-on service to make boating safer in Connecticut

Your Squadron needs you! Thanks.

Change of Watch Celebration Held April 29 at Unks

Outgoing Commander Henry Curtis handed over the gavel at the 2007 COW ceremony after recognizing his Bridge.



Bravo Zulo to Outgoing Bridge

P/C Curtis thanked for his efforts



Incoming Commander Tony Salzarulo sworn in by D/1 Commander Elaine Williams, AP

Incoming Bridge being sworn in; Commander Salzarulo looks on



District 1 Commander honors P/C Dolores Loprinze, AP, NLPS, and Patricia Coley, SN, Saybrook PS at the COW. They were recognized with a Life Membership Achievement Award for 25 yrs..



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ings is low. This is a complaint we hear throughout the district. We need to do better. I have some ideas but would really like to hear from you. I would especially like to hear from you if you currently own or operate boats. Is there something we should or could be doing? Sail, power, or paddle – it doesn't matter. Let me know. The Tri-Squadron Picnic on June 4th at the Waterford Town Pavilion would be a great time to meet and greet. It's a Monday. Plan to come on down and have some fun.

Well, I'm off to get Aria ready for launching. I hope to be in the water by Memorial Day and also hope to see you out there as well. Wishing you and yours a happy and safe boating season!

Tony

D/1 Rendezvous and Council Meeting

Friday, 22 June: Arrive *Essex Island Marina*, Ferry Street, Essex (860)767-1267 41°21'12"N 72°23'6"W

- ◆ 1800 Pot Luck Supper (Middletown host)

Saturday, 23 June:

- ◆ **0800** Continental Breakfast, on deck (D/1 host)
- ◆ **0900** Poster Contest starts (Children 12 and under pick up poster supplies. Judging at 1500)
- ◆ **1000** Rowing contest (Contestants supply their own inflatables—Gather by travel lift slip.)
- ◆ **1100** *Create a Dinghy Contest* judging (see pg 7)
- ◆ **1200** Flare Demo
- ◆ **1300 Council Meeting (NLPS Host)**
- ◆ **1300** Face Painting, on lawn
- ◆ **1500** Poster Contest Judging
- ◆ **1700 Cook Out.** Tickets: adults \$7, children \$3.50. Menu: Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, beans more.
- ◆ **2000** Entertainment on the deck— dance to Seabreeze

Sunday, June 24:

- ◆ **0900** Breakfast on the deck
Arrive on Fri. or Sat. by land or sea. Make reservations directly with **Essex Island Marina**.
Contact **Bob Leete** for tickets to the **Cook Out**

BOATING GUIDE TO AMERICA

Boating Guide to America is written *collaboratively* by thousands of USPS members! It uses a special type of website, called a "wiki", that makes collaboration easy. You may already be familiar with "Wikipedia", a hugely popular collaborative encyclopedia. Boating Guide to America is like a "*boating destinations*" version of Wikipedia.

Don't be afraid to edit-any USPS member can edit almost any page, and we encourage you to be bold! Find something that can be improved, either in content, grammar or formatting, and fix it. Or add an article about your favorite boating destination - coastal, lake or river. Your changes will be recorded as "recent changes". Inappropriate changes will be removed by a USPS Moderator, and repeat offenders will be blocked from editing.

You can't break this website. Anything can be fixed or improved later. So go ahead, edit an article and help make **Boating Guide to America** the best information source on boating destinations on the Internet!

The results of our effort are an on-line boating guide available to the public through the USPS web site. It will appear as a USPS boating guide titled "Boating Guide to America".

Preview it by looking at the web site <http://www.boatingguidetoamerica.com/> or on the USPS Home page. As you can see the "Boating Guide to America", covers not only the United States it also covers the Canadian providences that front the Great Lakes it also includes the US Virgin Islands, the BVI and Mexico.

What does it do for USPS:

1. Places the USPS Name and logo in front of a huge audience of boaters all potential members of USPS.
2. Gives all USPS members the opportunity to participate in providing valuable useful information to recreational boaters enhancing the pleasure and safety of this activity.
3. Provides recognition for our participating members through an awards program. Squadron and member participation leads to member retention.
4. Source of information for Port Captains.

Cooperative Charting Committee

Summer is Coming - Save the Dates:

4 Jun, Mon - Tri-Squadron+ 1 Picnic, Pot Luck and
FLARE COLLECTION AND DEMONSTRATIONS
1700, Waterford Beach Pavilion
NOTE: Flare Day Sponsored by DEP and
Open to the public

22-24 Jun, — District 1 Council Meeting (June
23) and Rendezvous, Essex Island.

The Pledge of the United States Power Squadrons:

I do solemnly pledge to:

Abide by the bylaws of the
United States Power Squad-
rons;

Promote high standards of
navigation and seaman-
ship;

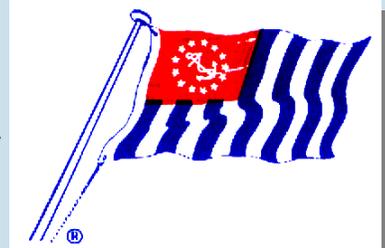
Maintain my boat and oper-
ate it legally;

Render assistance when-

ever possible; and

Conduct myself in a manner
that will add prestige, honor,

and respect to the United
States Power Squadrons.



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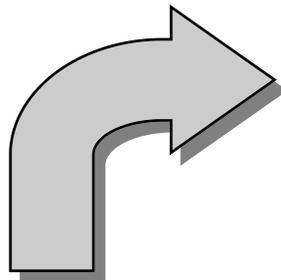
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