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The Cdr's View

Tony Salzarulo

Lots of things happening in NLPS!



The New London Power Squadron recently applied for a grant offered by BoatU.S. Foundation. BoatU.S. Foundation is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting safe and environmentally sensitive boating. This year they made a total of \$50,000 available to small nonprofit organizations. The maximum grant to any one organization is \$4,000. The money must be used on projects that promote the goals established by BoatU.S. Foundation. This year's target goal is to promote the proper use of a PFD when boating.

We applied for just under the maximum, with the money to be used on items to be used this spring when we hold our Safety/VSC days at the marinas. We have proposed to give a free T-Shirt away (yet to be designed) to anyone who promises to wear their PFD while boating. Also in the funding proposal there is money allocated for a new squadron table and floor displays as well as advertising and printing to promote these events. Thanks to Robert Leete, Chris Wick, Eleanor Mariani, and Doreen Sharkey for helping in preparation in the grant request. We should have a decision by mid February.

On another matter, Jack Kurrus, Lea Jewett and I visited the Sea Scout Ship *Dragon* sponsored by the Groton Sub-Vets. We attended one of their regular Monday night meetings where the scouts were learning about magnetic versus true north and how variation changes as you move about the globe. There were about twelve scouts present, both boys and girls, and six adult volunteers. It was heartwarming to see these great young people engaged in constructive learning while still having a great time. The skipper and I agreed to keep each other informed of our activities and some of the scouts will be taking our courses.

Is it too early to start planning our summer cruises? Not according to the Meriden Power Squadron. They are planning their 2008 summer cruise and have invited New London and other members of the District to attend. Last year's cruise was to Cuttyhunk and Martha's Vineyard.

This year, they plan to coordinate with the District rendezvous that will be going to Greenport and then on to Montauk and Block Island. I can

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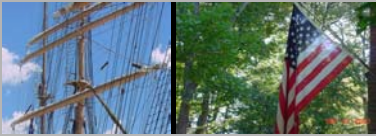
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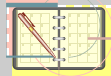
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CALENDAR NLPS Events



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26 Nov. — Membership Meeting, home of Lt/C Robert Leete, AP; see page 5.

11 Dec. — Executive Board Meeting, location TBA.

District 1 Events

1 Dec. — Holiday Party, see page 3.

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



Lots of Courses to be Had!

January 2008

Marine Electronics 102 (Marine Radio Communications) – Begins Jan 3.

Boat Smart— Begins January 9

Junior Navigation – Begins Jan 15 for 12 weeks

February 2008

Marine Electronics 103 (Marine Electronics for Navigation) – Begins February 21 for 6 weeks

Qualifies for DEP's new Coastal Boater Endorsement Program

Basic Weather– Begins Feb 26 for 5 weeks

May 2008

Squadron Boating Course - Begins May 6 for 6 weeks

July 2008

Squadron Boating Course- Begins Jul 9 for 6 weeks



NEW YORK NATIONAL BOAT SHOW 5 January 2008

The Hartford Power Squadron is sponsoring our annual bus trip to the New York Boat Show. The package deal includes the round-trip bus ride to the boat show front door and back to the commuter lot; as well as the ticket to the boat show; and snacks on the return trip. The cost for all this is only \$42. Last year 90 people joined us.

The buses will leave from the commuter parking lot opposite Target Store near Westfarms Mall in West Hartford at 7:30 a.m. sharp. The return trip will leave New York at 5:00 p.m. sharp.

Come join us this year!

We have a great time on the bus going and coming.

Your check reserves your seat. Deadline is **December 27, 2007**. Make out all checks to the Hartford Power Squadron. Include your name, phone number, and please list the names of **each** of your guests.

Send your check and the above information to:

George D. Gwizd
19 Buckingham Avenue
Old Saybrook, CT 06475
860-388-9988

Happy Birthday!

NAME	TOWN	SPECIAL DAY	MEMBER SINCE
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October

Bernard F. Baker, JN	New London	11	1981
P/C Henry Curtis, AP	Waterford	29	1995
P/Lt/C Donald J. Dimmock, P	Waterford	29	1994
Leo A. MacDonald, P	Lisbon	21	1997
P/C Joseph G. Marone, AP	N Franklin	28	1984
Brae Rafferty Jr., AP	Mystic	29	1972
Cdr Anthony Salzarulo, AP	Colchester	28	1988
W. Frederic Wilson, P	Stonington,	28	1973

November

Mary E. Ferrell	Groton	15	1988
LtP/C Robert R. Payette, P	Preston	08	1988
Lt/C Jon David Peterson, AP	Waterford	18	1997
Bernard W. Rogers, SN	Groton	25	1971
P/Lt/C Shirley Wick, AP	Mystic	28	1995

Note from Editor: The October birthdays are repeated because they were not visible in the hard copy publication of the *Yardarm*.

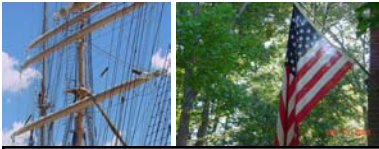
D/1 Holiday "Luau" Party

Saturday, 1 December 2007
Manchester Country Club (Exit 3 off 384)

305 S. Main Street, Manchester, CT, 860-646-0103
\$25.00 per person - deadline 20 November 2007
1800 to 1900 Social hour, Cash Bar
1900 dinner - Buffet

Wear your Hawaiian Outfit (optional) -- Prizes awarded for best outfit
Please bring an unwrapped toy for "TOYS FOR TOTS"

Please call in your reservation before the deadline date to
Cmdr. Gene Lewis @ 423-3341



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think of at least one boat from New London that will be attending. Sounds like a great time!

At the fall District conference I chatted with Brenda Keefe of the Norwich Squadron about some new educational procedures and techniques she has implemented in the basic boating course. Her methods have received accolades throughout the district. The books are given out two weeks before the class with assignments. There is a lot of Squadron involvement with breakout groups teaching a variety of topics. The fact that 15 of her students went on to take Seamanship is testimony to her methods. It can't hurt to look for a better way!

Tony

This is a letter received by our Education officer after the completion of the boating course. The editors have changed the names for privacy. This is great testimonial to our education department and instructors. Well done!

Dear Ellen,

I want to thank you, Chris, Jack and the other members of the Power Squadron for taking the time to teach our family the Boating Safety Course. You did a wonderful job of sharing your extensive knowledge with us, making the course interesting, educational and fun. We really appreciate the time you took to teach us the course.

Ellen, I want to thank you in particular for allowing Ryan to retake the test and setting aside your afternoon and allowing us to park in your kitchen. It meant a lot to Ryan that he earned his certificate. Although he is just 13, he has spent the last two summers volunteering at the Boat house at Mystic Seaport and truly loves sailing and mucking around in boats. Ryan will put this knowledge to good use.

Because of your efforts, every member of our family now has their boating certificate and a basic understanding and knowledge of boating safety, navigation rules, piloting and chart plotting, and PWC use.

Thank you again for volunteering your time and sharing your knowledge with us. We hope to see you in Noank and on Fisher Island Sound.

Warmest Regards,
Mary, Jim, Christine and Ryan Howard

Report from the SEO

Lt/C Ellen Barbour, SN



The Marine Electronics 101 class is progressing nicely with 6 registered students. Lea Jewett is the instructor. The examination date is set for November 29th 2007. Marine Electronics 102 (Communication) and 103 (GPS) will follow, starting Thursday, January 3rd 2008 for ME102, and Thursday, February 21st for ME103. Lea has agreed to continue as Instructor. ME103 will qualify members for the DEP's Coastal Boater Endorsement Program.

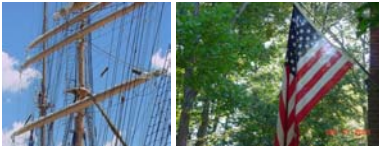
A Junior Navigation class will begin on Tuesday, January 15th 2008 and run through April 8th. Advanced Piloting is the pre-requisite for this course. The Instructors will be a team of Lea Jewett and Chris Wick.

A Basic Weather course will start on Tuesday, February 26th 2008, and run for 6 weeks, but we must have at least 5 students to run the class. This will be the new weather course now in beta trials. It is expected to be on the shelves at Headquarters by the time we start the class.

We will conduct a Boat Smart Class starting Wednesday, January 9th 2008 and one or two more Boating classes to be given in May and July.

We are planning to run another set of seminars including the two new ones –Sail Trim and Boat Handling under Power during the spring and summer. We hope to be able to run these 2 hour seminars at local marinas and yacht clubs..

If you wish to take any of the above courses or assist in teaching the upcoming Boating Classes or Seminars, please contact Ellen Barbour as soon as possible. We need as much help as we can get. We also need to know how many students are interested in taking the upcoming classes so we may order the materials for them.



NLPS Membership Meeting & Pot Luck Hors d'oeuvres Party Monday, November 26, 6:30 pm



The Executive Board would love to have you join them so you can experience first hand what is happening in your Squadron. Come on out and have some fun!

Where?: Lt/C Bob Leete's home, 14 Round Rock Rd., Niantic, CT, 06357.

What's happening?: There will be a brief business meeting so you can see what is going on. The Commander is offering a door prize!

Pot Luck Offering?: Please bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert, plus beverage of your choice. Soft drinks & mixers will be provided.

Registration: Please let Bob know if you are planning to attend by Wednesday, November 21 (the day before Thanksgiving). Email robert_b_leete@sbcglobal.net, or phone 691-1236.

Directions:

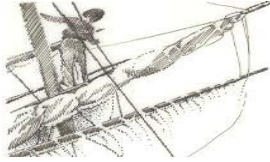
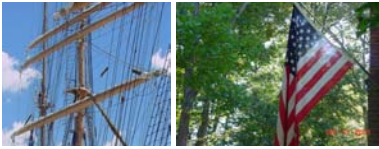
From I-95 Exit 74, follow CT Route 161 south towards Niantic.

Go 2.3 mi., pass a Sunoco Station on your right, then turn 90 degrees left onto Oswegatchie Hills Rd. (A sharper left turn at same intersection leads to Memorial Park.) If you come to a Community Church on the right, you have gone too far.

Go 0.8 mi., passing Three Belles Marina and Smith Cove on your right; turn right onto North Rd, marked by two stone pillars with carved arrow heads on top.

Turn right at first stop sign onto West Rd. Go one block, tennis courts on left, to stop sign at Round Rock Rd.

14 Round Rock is red house with rail fence on far left corner of intersection.



Looking Back



50 YEARS AGO

We still don't have any 1957 Yardarms to report from But in digging around I did find a few fun facts from 1957 found in the Historians compilation of facts.

The January 1957 Elementary Piloting Course(*nee Boating Class*) graduated 41 men and 12 women. Fact: Did you know that after a lady graduated from the Elementary Piloting Course, she must apply for a "Certificate of Qualification", which enables her to take her to take other courses.

25 YEARS AGO

November 1982 *The November 1982 issue of the Yardarm was chock-a-block with fun stories.*

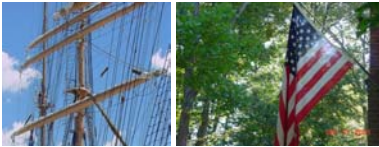
The then Squadron Cdr Bob Leventhal sai in his report of the D-1 Fall Conference. One of the great thrills at this Conference was listening to D/C Toifl read the names of our two new lady members, Dolores Loprinze, AP and Gretchen Hammerstein. I believe that Dolores to be the first woman member to sit in at a District meeting. I hope this is the wave of the future, and an indication of things to come. Little did he know!

At the Tri-Squadron Hauling Out Party on 29 October Awatds of Trophieswas handled by P/C Marland Shoemaker, N, the Predicted Log Chairman. He pointed out that New London had a clean sweep of the prizes as we took first, second and third places.

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| 1. John Robinson | First place was awarded two trophies |
| 2. Bernie Rogers | Second Place |
| 3. Bernie Baker | Third Place |
| 4. Cdr Bob Leventhal | Our Commander got a cup for having the most contestants from his Squadron. |

The Lubbers Court: The purpose of this court is to decide who pulled the biggest blunder of the boating season. *The court is made up of the current Commanders of the Norwich, New London and Westerly Power Squadrons. The court appoints a prosecuting attorney who reads the indictments. These indictments are provided are submitted to him(the prosecutor) by snitches and rat finks. He then proceeds to convince the judges to hang, shoot or break the kneecapsof these unworthy sailors. After the information had been pro'ed and con'ed, the judges reired to their chambers and cogitate over the facts. Upon returning to the courtroom, the judges gave their verdict:*

1. Cdr Hollis of Westerly was most worthy of the Boner Award because:
 - a. He launched at the Westerly Yacht Club with the seacock open. Upon returning an hour later, he found it had sunk.
 - b. Cdr Hollis did not organize and prepare his squadron to participate in the Tri-Squadron Predicted Log Contest on August 14, 1982; as a result no entrants.



Rules to Live By

Jack Kurrus, SN



In last month issue I reviewed Rule 2 Responsibility which described in detail who is responsible for making the Rules of the Road work. This month we will look at Rule 3 General Definitions which provides definitions to terms used throughout the Rules. Less frequently used terms are defined where they appear, See Rule 12(B), 13(B), 14(B), 21 and 32.

It is interesting to note that Rule 3 of the Inland Rules of the Road mirror almost exactly the International Rules of the Road except when discussing the Western River Rules or special situation on the Great Lakes. Exception will be listed at the end of the International Rules summary

Rule 3 Definitions

- a. The word Vessel: The word “**vessel**” includes every description of watercraft, including non-displacement craft and seaplanes, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.
- b. The term “**power driven vessel**” means any vessel propelled by machinery.
- c. The term “**sailing vessel**” means any vessel under sail provided that propelling machinery if fitted, is not being used.
- d. The term “**vessel engaged in fishing**” means any vessel fishing with nets, lines, trawls or other fishing apparatus which restrict maneuverability, but does not include a vessel fishing with trolling lines or other fishing apparatus which does not restrict maneuverability.
- e. The word “**seaplane**” includes any aircraft designed to maneuver on the water.
- f. The term “**vessel not under command**” means that through exceptional some circumstance is unable maneuver as required by these Rules and is therefore unable to keep out of the way of another vessel.
- g. The term “**restricted in her ability to maneuver**” means a vessel which from the nature of her work is restricted in her ability to maneuver as required by these Rules and therefore unable to keep of the way of another vessel.
- h. The term “**vessel constrained by her draft**” means a power-driven vessel which because of her draft in relation to the available depth of water is severely restricted in her ability to deviate from the course she is following.
- i. The word “**underway**” means that a vessel is not at anchor, or made fast to the shore, or aground.
- j. The words “**length and breadth**” of a vessel means her length overall and the greatest breadth.
- k. Vessels shall be deemed to be insight of one another only when one can be observed visually from the other.
- l. The term “**restricted visibility**” means any condition in which visibility is restricted by the fog, mist, falling snow, heavy rainstorms, sandstorms or any other similar causes.

Rule 3 Inland Definition (exceptions)

- a. “**Western Rivers**” means the Mississippi River, its tributaries, South Pass, Southwest Pass to the navigational demarcation lines dividing the high seas from harbors, rivers and other inland waters of the USA.
- b. “**Great Lakes**” means the Great Lakes and their connecting waters.
- c. “**Secretary**” means the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating.
- d. “**Inland Waters**” means the navigable waters of the United States shoreward of the navigational States and the water of the Great Lakes on the United States side of the International Boundary demarcation lines dividing the high seas from harbors, rivers, and other inland waters of the United States.

*Happy Thanksgiving to You and Yours
from everyone on the 2007 Executive
Board*

*Join us on Monday, November 26 for our
next Membership Meeting
(see page 5 for details!)*

The Pledge of the United States Power Squadrons:

I do solemnly pledge to:

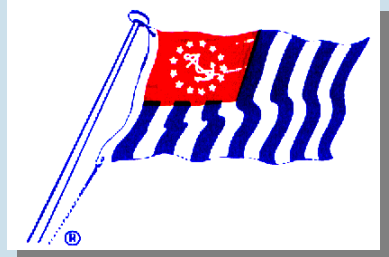
Abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons;

Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship;

Maintain my boat and operate it legally;

Render assistance

whenever possible; and
Conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor,
and respect to the United States Power Squadrons.



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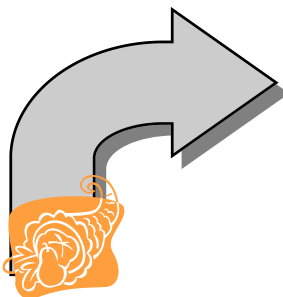
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