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## The Cdr's View

*Tony Salzarulo*



**I** recently attended the District 1 Fall conference hosted by the Milford Power Squadron. Besides myself, Lea Jewett, Chris Jordan, Ellen Barber, and Jack Kurrus were representing New London. Traditionally, the fall conferences have been dedicated to education and this year the focus was on recertifying our instructors. Some of you may not be aware that in order for the New London Power Squadron to teach the basic safe boating course as required for a Connecticut boating license, our instructors must be certified in accordance with the standards promulgated by the *National Association of State Boating Law Administrators* (NASBLA). This recertification gave some of us "old salts" a tune up on our teaching skills. Les Williams, our former District Education Officer, you did a terrific job presenting the materials that were both informative and entertaining.

The keynote speaker at these conferences is always the Chief Commander's representative who delivers the Chief Commander's message to the group. This year, it was reported to us that our sister organization to the north, The Canadian Power Squadron, had dropped the use of uniforms and military titles and insignia. Additionally, a survey was going out to our own membership asking for their opinion on whether we should continue using

uniforms, military titles, and also whether our name should be changed. Many of you may have received this online survey from National. This issue has been a highly debated "back room" topic within the Power Squadron for years. However, I found it interesting that it is now being openly discussed and there seems to be some serious consideration in altering our course. Those who advocate abandoning the military regalia argue that it has little relevance to today's recreational boater. On the other hand, many of our members stress the importance of maintaining tradition. You can decide for yourself, but it is certainly a topic we will hear more about in the future.

After the 1130 attitude adjustment (cocktail hour) and lunch, the agenda called for the distribution of awards. USPS loves to hand out awards. Don't tell anyone I said this, but this is part of the day that could put you to sleep faster than a springtime dance school recital. As I sat with my mind wandering I heard "*and the award goes to... New London*". What? We won an award? What for? I shuffled up to the dais to accept on behalf of our Squadron.

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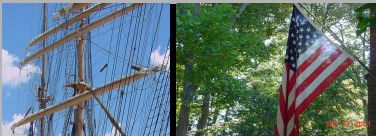
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### CALENDAR

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#### NLPS Events

**3 Dec .** — Seamanship, Waterford Police Department (apply on-line or call Lea Jewett)

**9 Dec .** — Executive Board Meeting and Holiday Gathering , at home of Eleanor Mariani, 7pm .

**24 Feb., 09.** — Boating Course, Waterford High School (apply on-line or call Lea Jewett)

#### D1 Events

**13 Dec** — Western Holiday Party! (see page 4)



### Executive Board Meeting and Holiday Gathering

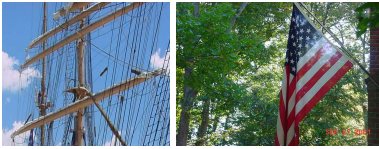
**When:** Tuesday, December 9, 1900  
**Who:** Executive Board, spouses and anyone who wants to see what we do and spread some cheer.

**Where:** Home of Eleanor Mariani, 16 Wilson Avenue, Quaker Hill; 442-8007

#### Directions:

- ♦ Route 32 N, 4th light take right onto Benham Avenue, Cross railroad tracks, take left onto Wilson. Road ends at house. 442-8007
- ♦ Route 32 S, 5th light take left onto Benham Avenue, follow directions above.





### News from the Web

The New London Power Squadron website won the **Excellence Award** for 2008. All USPS websites are evaluated annually. New London scored 93%, the highest in the District and 17th in the nation.

If you have not visited the website recently it might be worth a look. The **Squadron rosters** are available online (*you can update your own information*) as well as an expanded *news and publications* section containing many boating magazines that are updated monthly and in some cases weekly. Current news from the USPS and the Coast Guard (RSS feeds) are also provided.

A new page has been added, dedicated to **online shopping** (just in time for the holidays). This page contains links for some USPS partners that provide discounts to our members. A new USPS partner, *yourboatsname.com*, provides custom ordered apparel and gifts including our Squadron (or District) Burgee and your own boats name and logo. New London Power Squadron receives a 5% commission on each sale. This site becomes our ships store eliminating the need for multiple orders and maintaining inventory for New London items. Just point and click one item at a time.

Another new page on our website will be launched in the next few weeks. This page will focus on **Weather And Our Marine Environment** with a variety of links to popular weather, NOAA and other sites of interest to our members.

# Happy Birthday!



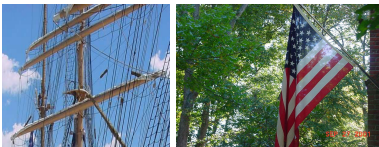
**Name**                      **Town**                      **Day**

## November

Mary Ferrell	Groton	15
Christopher Jordan, P	Jewett City	17
Joseph Jordan, S	Niantic	12
Matthew Orwat	W. Springfield	19
Robert Payette, P P/C	Preston	08
Jon Peterson, AP	Waterford	18
Bernard Rogers, SN	Groton	25
Shirley Wick, AP P/Lt/C	Mystic	28

## December

Mark Chanski	East Lyme	16
Mark Gelinas, P	Waterford	21
Felicity Harley	Hebron	12
Harrison Jewett, SN	New London	15
Robert Johnson, AP	Mystic	18
Eleanor Mariani, AP	Quaker Hill	08
Gregory Roth, JN	New London	01
Albert Schober, AP	Uncasville	28
Frank Skewes, JN	Niantic	31
Robert Smith, AP P/C	Waterford	21



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The award was for "Excellence in Recreational Boating Education". Cosponsored by the National Boating Federation (NBF) and the United States Power Squadron, New London had won first place. After the conference, I wrote to the District Commander asking if she could shed any light on why we were receiving this honor. It seems that this is an annual award given to Squadrons who teach the most beginning boating students. The computation of the tally of students takes into account the size of the Squadron. It is based on the percentage of students on a per capita basis relative to the size of the Squadron. In other words, New London leads the District in the number of students taught relative to its size.

I was very impressed. After all, isn't this what we do? Why do we even exist as a Squadron? Our whole purpose, as outlined in our mission statement, is to teach boating and promulgate safe recreational boating. We are leading the District, at least as far as the numbers are concerned.

I think congratulations are in order to all of the individuals involved in teaching our current basic boating courses. Our SEO and assistant SEO certainly deserve the credit. But, there are many other people involved including our teachers, proctors and others who support our educational programs. To all of you ..."well done!"

Wishing you... and all those you love... a joyous holiday season and a safe and prosperous new year!

Tony

## D1 Western-Themed Holiday Party



**When:** December 13, 2008

Starts 1800 with a cash bar

**Where:** Manchester Country Club



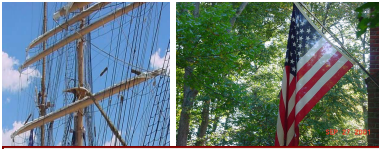
Uniform is cowboy/cowgirl attire or other comfortable clothing.

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person includes dinner and dancing.

Tony Salzarulo has tickets. Give him a call!!

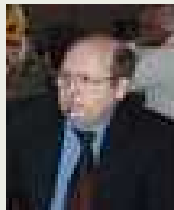
### Directions:

From I-84, take Exit 59 to I-384 E. Take Exit 3, Main Street, Manchester off of I-384. At the end of the exit ramp, take a left onto South Main Street. The Club is 1/2 mile on the left, just past the Globe Hollow Reservoir.



### Education Department News

Lea Jewett SEO



Junior Navigation is coming to a close on December 3. The exams will be ordered at that time after sight folders have been reviewed and passed. The students in JN no longer have to have their sight folders sent to National to be reviewed. It is done at the Squadron level.

Seamanship will start Wednesday December 3 at the Waterford Police Department. It will run for nine weeks with two weeks off for the holidays. The instructor is Chris Jordan.

The next Boating Course will be held Tuesdays at Waterford High School from 7-9 pm, February 24 through April 28, allowing for school vacation time and possible snow days, if necessary. The class is being offered by New London Continuing Education.

There is interest from the Sea Scouts to run another Boating Course at the Sub Vets hall later in the Spring. As with all the public courses we welcome any member who would like to teach a class or be a proctor. This is our chance to let people know who we are because there is confusion between what USPS and the CG Auxiliary do.

Piloting is being planned to run sometime after Seamanship finishes. If there is anyone interested in taking the course please contact me. This is a newly written course that incorporates electronic navigation into traditional methods. Time and place are still to be determined.

As the Commander reported, we received a National award for having the highest percentage of students in the public boating courses based on

squadron size. The instructors, proctors and other supporters deserve a big thank you for their help in making this possible. By the way New London pre-



sented three public boating courses at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Sub Vets and Masons Island Yacht Club. A thank you goes out to those places for allowing NLPS the use of their facilities.

#### *Rules to Live By (Continued from page 7)*

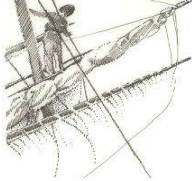
(ii) a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver.

(d) (i) Any vessel other than a vessel not under command or a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver shall, if the circumstances of the case admit, avoid impeding the safe passage of a vessel constrained by her draft, exhibiting the signals of Rule 28

(ii) A vessel constrained by her draft shall navigate with particular caution having full regard to her special condition.

(e) A seaplane on the water shall, in general, keep clear of all vessels and avoid impeding their navigation. In circumstances, however where risk of collision exists, she shall comply with the Rules of this part .

- (a) Naval Institute Press – Handbook of the Nautical Rules of the Road
- (b) U.S. Dept. of Transportation – Navigation Rules
- (c) Farwell’s Rules of the Nautical Road



# Looking Back

Jack Kurrus, SN

OVER THE YARDARM



## 25 YEARS AGO

**November 1983** *This is a great little article taken from the Mansfield P.S.*

### Another Lethal Gas

We have had many warnings of the danger of death from carbon dioxide emitted from the exhausts of engines, but we haven't heard so much about methane from the holding tank, which can be just as deadly. An Auxiliarist of the 5th District Flotilla 45 at Easton Maryland opened his holding tank pipeline to install a Y-valve. He completed the work and then promptly blacked out. He came to lying on the cabin sole, unable to recognize his own boat or the yard where it was hauled out. The doctor diagnosed methane poisoning. Methane is colorless, odorless gas which is lighter than air and has a very narrow threshold of safety. An 87% concentration produces unconsciousness and 90% causes death by asphyxiation. It is also explosive, which spells "no naked lights or smoking when opening a holding tank." With the winter maintenance season fast approaching it is desirable that Squadrons give a clear warning of this danger which is not generally known to the boating community.

**December 1983** *This next piece was found in the SEO's section of the Yardarm. Its an interesting take on what we are all about.*

### **The Objects of the United States Power Squadrons**

Shall be to establish a high standard of skill in handling and navigation of yachts, to encourage the study of the science of navigation, and small boat handling, to cooperate with the agencies of the United States Government charged with the enforcement of the laws and regulations relating to navigation and to stimulate interest in activities which will tend to the up-building of our Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.

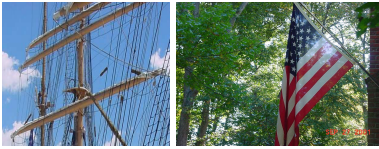
## 50 YEARS AGO

**November 1958** *Some interesting D-1 statistics when compared to 2008*

### DID YOU KNOW THAT--

- ◆ The membership in District 1 totals 1886 members.
- ◆ Total students registered in current Piloting classes number 1637.
- ◆ District 1 stands second among all districts with only 33% of its members without any advanced grades.
- ◆ District 1 stands sixth among all districts in two respects: number of Navigators per 100 members and in the number of advanced grades per member.
- ◆ In USPS as a whole, 47% of the members have no advanced grade. New London Power Squadron has 45% with no advanced grade. District 1, in the last 3 years has been able to improve from 40% to 33% of those having no advanced grade.

**December 1958** *The notice for the December meeting said: Meeting at the Thames Yacht Club.. In side there was an announcement that the January meeting would be held at the new meeting place, Tusana Hall, Moore Avenue, N.L. The NLPS had been founded and chartered at The Thames Yacht Club.*



## **Rules to Live By**

**By Jack Kurrus , SN**



In the last Issue we discussed those most recognizable rules for **Meeting, Crossing and Overtaking situations**. In this issue we will consider Rules 16, 17 & 18 which defines the responsibilities of each vessel in Meeting, Crossing and Overtaking situations plus responsibilities between vessels.

**Rule 16 Action By Give-way Vessel** Note: Both International and Inland Rules 16 are exactly the same.

Every vessel which is directed to keep out of the way of another vessel shall, so far as possible, take **early** and **substantial** action to keep well clear. *Note the emphasis on early and substantial action. Early action will prevent a collision situation from generating, i.e. don't wait to see what the other vessel will do. Most importantly the Give-way vessels action must be substantial so its intentions are clear to all other vessels. Don't make a little course change make one large enough that it leaves no doubt of your intentions.*

**Rule 17 Action By the Stand-on Vessel** Note: Both International and Inland Rules 17 are exactly the same.

(a)(i) Where one of two vessels is to keep out of the way, the other shall **keep her course and speed**.

(ii) The latter vessel may however, take action to avoid collision by her maneuver alone, as soon as it becomes apparent to her that the vessel required to keep out of the way is not taking appropriate action in compliance with these Rules.

(b) When, from any cause, the vessel required to keep her course and speed finds herself so close that collision cannot be

avoided by the action of the give-way vessel alone (*this point is known as being **In Extremis***), she shall take such actions as will best aid to avoid collision.

(c) A power-driven vessel which takes action in a crossing situation in accordance with subparagraph(a)(ii) of this Rule to avoid collision with another power driven vessel shall, if the circumstances of the case admit, not alter course to port for vessels for a vessel on her own port side.

(d) This Rule does not relieve the give-way vessel of her obligation to keep out of the way.

**Rule 18 Responsibilities Between Vessels** Note: The paragraph in italics is found in the International Rules only, all else is the same.

Except where Rules 9, 10 and 13 otherwise require:

(a) A power driven vessel underway shall keep out of the way of:

- (i) a vessel not under command;
- (ii) a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver;
- (iii) a vessel engaged in fishing;
- (iv) a sailing vessel.

(b) A sailing vessel underway shall keep out of the way of:

- (i) a vessel not under command;
- (ii) a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver;
- (iii) a vessel engaged in fishing;

(c) A vessel engaged in fishing when underway shall, so far as possible keep out of the way of:

- (i) a vessel not under command;

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The Executive Board Wishes  
 You and Yours a  
 Wonderful Holiday Season.

**The Pledge of the United States Power Squadrons:**

I do solemnly pledge to:

Abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons;

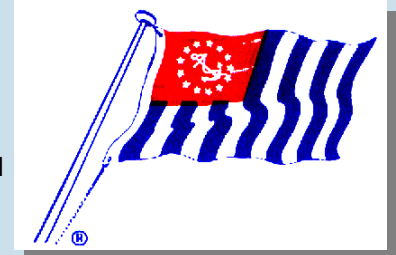
Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship;

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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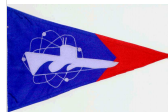
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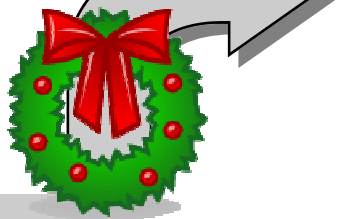
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