



# The Yardarm

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## The Cdr's View

*Chris Jordan, AP*



**G**reetings Everyone!

Spring is just a few weeks away, although we probably won't feel the effects of spring for several more weeks. That's OK, I am excited just the same. This month I thought I would share with you some of my most important sights, smells, and sounds of spring.

I can't wait for that very first unseasonably warm spring day, that first day when I am tempted to wear just a short sleeve shirt. I know that I shouldn't because I could catch a cold, but I do anyway because I am still taking 2000 mg of Vitamin C every day and I haven't caught a cold all winter. I can't wait for the first blades of grass to start turning green from their wintery dull brown. I especially look forward to the very first stems of the Daffodils coming up through the ground. I look and look for them and finally when I come home from work one day, I'll notice the first tiny stems poking up from the ground. When I see the daffodils, I smile because for me, spring finally is here, it's not just coming shortly, it has arrived.

Now it is finally time to start working on the boat. I do small projects at first, and then I do more as the weather gets progressively warmer. After May 1, it's time to start to work on the hull. Washing the boat with any variety of soaps has a wonderful spring smell to it, even if the water is cold.

I love that first smell of a new can of bottom paint that I just opened. I stir and stir and stir and stir, then scrape the sides of the can and then stir some more. This is very enjoyable to me because it means I am close now to finishing the hardest part of spring maintenance. That beautiful green bottom paint has a wonderful smell to it when I am painting. The warmer the spring day is, the better it smells because it means I am close to getting her in the water. My absolute favorite part about working on the hull is pulling the masking tape off the waterline. The bottom looks so sharp in her green paint next to her dark blue waterline. The hull absolutely gleams in her Poly-Glow finish. This is a very satisfying sight of spring.

Next on the list is the engine maintenance and the very last maintenance item I do to the engines is to change the lower gear oil. This has a smell unlike anything else. It is a very specific smell unique only to gear oil. It smells like no other kind of lubricant. I love this smell because it means I am so close to start

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## 2009- 2010 Bridge of the NLPS

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## CALENDAR

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### NLPS Events

**22 March**— Annual Membership Meeting—(vote for new commander) - Italian American Club, 6pm (see page 3 for details)

**12 April** — Executive Board Meeting; homes of Jack Kurrus and Ellen Barbour, Stone Ridge, Jerry Browne Drive, Stonington

**18 April**— Change of Watch—Groton Inn and Suites -3:30pm (see enclosed invitation)

### Other Events

**19—21 March**— New England Saltwater Fishing Show, Providence Convention Center

**20 March**— Water, Wings and Fire—Family oriented paddle safety demonstrations (see page 5)

**27 March** — D/1 Spring Conference, Groton Motor Inn. NLPS is HOST

**10 April**— Canyon Offshore Fishing Series, Mohegan Sun

### MEMBERS NEEDED:

NLPS will host the D/1 Spring Conference on **March 27** at the Groton Motor Inn. We need lots of help from volunteers to make it a success.....

Come on out and get involved.

It promises to be FUN!!!!

If you have wanted to get involved in the organization....this is the perfect time!!!! We need leaders to take the spouse tour to the Customs House in New London and people to help sell USPS items and others.

Contact Cmdr. Chris Jordan or Trux Brodhead to help. –see numbers above



### SEO News

Lea Jewett, SEO



Use your VHF confidently. We will be teaching a VHF 2 hour class in April or May at the Waterford Police Department. Stay tuned for more information.

Also, if you want to learn how to become a Vessel Safety Check Examiner come to the training on April 21 at the Waterford PD. Class will finish up on April 28 with an exam. More info will follow.

## Annual Membership Meeting Election of Officers

**When?:** Monday, March 22

**Where?:** Italian American Club  
322 Mitchell Street, Groton

**What Time?:** 1800 Cash Bar Available  
1830 Dinner  
1915 Guest Speaker: Bob Sampson  
2000 Business Meeting & Elections

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Business Meeting and Election of Officers

**How Much?:** \$14.00 per person  
Ziti and Chicken  
Salad  
Bread, Butter  
Coffee  
Dessert

Call Trux Brodhead 860 739-2029  
by March 15 to register

See page 6 for Nominating Committee's Slate of officers

# PADDLE SMART PRESENTS WATER, WINGS & FIRE



**FREE ADMISSION**

**MARCH 20, 2010 9:00am – 5:00pm  
AT THE CONNECTICUT FIRE ACADEMY**

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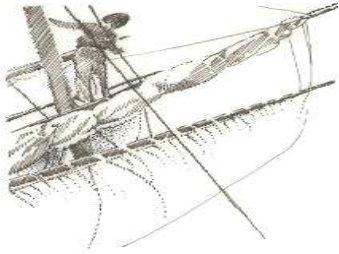
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# Looking Back

## OVER THE YARDARM



### 25 YEARS AGO

#### March 1985

*There is an interesting article in the March 1985 Yardarm by our own Debbie Baker. The article describes what had been the practice for the previous three years of having a liars contest at the Founders Day Dinner. She went on to explain how the winner of the contest would be designated the "Biggest Liar." Debbie then President of the Alpha Mates went on to win the contest becoming the Biggest Liar by describing the America's Cup Challenge. Australia had recently won the America's Cup and we wanted it back and NLPS would wrest the cup away from the Aussies.*

Debbie stated that NLPS and the New York Yacht club would soon reveal this winning design to the public. Fig.1(Drawing not included) is the sailboat they designed and it will soon be built by Thames Shipyard in New London. It will be made of steel and it will throw a bigger bow wave than the "Olinda." This bow wave will raise havoc with the more fragile aluminum competitors. Referring to Fig. 2you will notice a crew member cocking a water-filled balloon in a sling attached to the mast. This highly engineered "Wallaby Womper" will propel these Water filled balloons at the competitors - causing great consternation. Debbie plans to have a group of NLPS Instructors teaching classes all over Australia. By the time the Cup Race begins, they will be so indoctrinated in the U.S. Buoy system that they will forget that their own system is reversed. With any luck at all the Australians crews should become lost before they get to the starting point. A Forfeit will result.

Debbie pointed out that the use of gasoline, diesel and electric engines are considered cheating - but no mention of nuclear power. Just before launch,

see fig 2, a miniature 688 class submarine is to be attached to the "winged keel" by a process of dehydration. So impressed was the U.S. State Department that they are now Actively negotiating with Australia to allow nuclear - propelled ships to enter their harbors

In conclusion, Ladies and Gentleman of the New London Power Squadron - you are the first to meet the "Kangaroo Kicker."

### 50 YEARS AGO

#### March 1960

Sad news, **No** copies of the March 1960 Yardarm survived the test of time. We do have some of the remaining copies for 1960 so we will pick again in April.

V/R The NLPS Historian



ing the engines and hearing the roar of my 2 strokes firing off for the first time in 6 months. I love the sight and smell of the first huge plumes of white smoke belching from the exhaust from all the fogging oil I put in last fall. This utterly fills up the back yard, causing friends and family to run in the opposite direction in search of clean air to breath.

The last and most favorite thing that I smell that lets me know spring is here is diesel exhaust and black coffee. The diesel exhaust comes from my father's truck as he comes up the driveway early on a Saturday morning with an empty trailer, so we can load my boat from the backyard. This is my favorite part of spring. Not just because my boat is finally going to get launched after a long winter, but because I get to see my Dad. The truck engine rumbles to a stop as he gets out. We greet each other with a handshake and a hug. I then smell the black coffee in his travel mug. There is something very distinctive about black coffee. It is very different than coffee with cream and sugar. My father has helped me load my boat every spring since my first boat, which was a 13 1/2 foot Blue Jay. I have an exceptionally close relationship with my Dad, and I am exceptionally grateful for the time we spend together, especially on the water. For this reason, diesel exhaust and black coffee are my most favorite smells of spring.

Fare Winds and Fare Tides

Chris Jordan

### March Birthdays



<b>Name</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Town</b>
<b>Betsey DiCostanzo</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Colchester</b>
<b>Christopher Hall, S</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Hebron</b>
<b>Carlton Saari</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>Waterford</b>
<b>Doreen Sharkey</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Colchester</b>
<b>Robert Tennant, Jr, S</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Norwich</b>

**Happy Birthday to you!!!!  
May 2010 be the best year yet!!**

### Spring is almost here!!!!!!

Note: DATE CHANGE for  
Change of Watch  
Ceremony  
To  
APRIL 18  
See invitation enclosed



### REPORT OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

In accordance with the By-laws of the New London Power Squadron Inc., Section 6.8, the Nominating Committee submits the following candidates for the election at the annual meeting, Monday March 23, 2010. All candidates have agreed to serve if elected.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
Commander	Lt/C Eleanor Mariani; AP
Executive Officer	Mark Chanski; P
Educational Officer	Cdr Christopher Jordan; AP
Administrative Officer	Kim Boswell
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Vacant
Ass't Education Officer	P/C Anthony Salzarulo; JN
Ass't Secretary	Vacant
Ass't Treasurer	Vacant
Executive Committee (1 yr. term)	P/C M. Ellen Barbour; SN P/C Henry F. Curtis; JN Truxtun E. Brodhead; P Lt/C Jon Peterson; AP Ruth E. MacDonald; S
Auditing Committee (3 yrs.)	P/Lt/C Kevin Murphy; AP
(2 yrs.)	Albert Schober; AP
(1 Yr.)	Nicholas M. Orobello; S
Nominating Committee (3 yrs.)	Cdr. Christopher Jordan; AP
(2 yrs.)	P/C Anthony Salzarulo; JN
(1 yr.)	P/C Henry F. Curtis; JN
Rules Committee (3 yrs.)	P/C Bernard Baker; JN
(2 yrs.)	P/C Gregory Roth; JN
(1 yr.)	Ruth E. MacDonald; S

As required by Section 11.2 of the New London Power Squadron By-Laws, the names of the candidates for Squadron Educational Officer and Assistant Educational Officer have been submitted and approved by the District Educational Officer acting for the National Educational Officer.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ John B. Kurrus

P/C John B. Kurrus; SN

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Connecticut legislature is in full swing. These are some of the bills that are currently working themselves out of committees. For more information on these bills go to [www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov)

- ◆ SB No. 26, An Act Concerning the Expenditures of the Boating Account – *eliminates the boating account and money to towns in lieu of taxes*
- SB No. 124, An Act Concerning Long Island Sound and Coastal Permitting – *would require Boating Division to record any such permit on land records*
- SB No. 193, An Act Concerning Liability Insurance for Boats – *would require all registered vessels to have liability insurance as a prerequisite to registering the vessel*
- HB No. 5421, An Act Concerning Candlewood Lake – *implements the Commissioner's recommendation to set the maximum boat length to 26'*
- SB No. 272, An Act Concerning Drunk Boating – *eliminates the 2hr window for administering BAC tests*
- SB No. 273, An Act Concerning the Discharge of Certain Vessel Pressure Washing Wastewaters – *allows marinas to engage in pressure washing of vessel bottoms if the wastewater does not contain biocide compounds*
- HB No. 5456, An Act Eliminating Reimbursement to members of the Connecticut Pilot Commission and the Connecticut Maritime Commission, and Providing Staff Support to the Connecticut Pilot Commission – *removes expenditures paid by DOT*



## **Rules to Live By**

By Jack Kurrus, S



In this issue we will discuss Rule 25 Lights and Shapes for Sailing Vessels Underway and vessels under oars. International and Inland Rule 25 are virtually the same.

### **Rule 25 Definitions**

- (a) A sailing Vessels underway shall exhibit:
  - (i) sidelights
  - (ii) sternlight.
- (b) In a sailing vessel of less than 20 meters in length the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule may be combined in one lantern carried at or near the top of the mast where it can best be seen.
- (c) (A sailing vessel underway may, in addition to the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule, exhibit at or near the top of the mast, where they can best be seen, two all-around lights in a vertical line, the upper being red and the lower being green, but these lights shall not be exhibited in conjunction with the combined lantern permitted by paragraph (b) of this Rule.
- (d) (i) A sailing vessel of less than 7 meters in length shall, if practicable, exhibit the lights prescribed in paragraph a) or (b) of this Rule, but if she does not, she shall have ready at hand and electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent collision.
  - (ii) A vessel under oars may exhibit the lights prescribed in this Rule for sailing vessels, but if she does not, she shall have ready at hand an electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to

prevent collision.

- (e) A vessel proceeding under sail when also being propelled by machinery shall exhibit forward where it can best be seen a conical shape, apex down.

Note: Sources for this article were:

- (a) Handbook of the Nautical Rules of the Road – Llana & Wisnesky
- (b) Farwell’s Rules of the Nautical Road – Craig H. Allen

