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The Cdr's View

Tony Salzarulo



District 1 had its semiannual conference at the end of March. As a follow-up to my last month's article, I posed some of my concerns to the chief's representative from National. More specifically, I was curious how the local squadron "fit in" in our move from a dues-based organization to a marketing-based organization. My concerns were shared by other squadrons in our district. The Chief's representative tried to reassure us that the local squadron would still be teaching and selling the materials that National manufactures. An additional concern of mine was the effect of Internet class offerings and their effect on local squadrons. Again, I was reassured that the Internet offerings would only appeal to a small minority of potential students. I'm not convinced but I guess we'll have to wait and see how it all plays out.

New London Power Squadron was awarded, for the second year in a row, the District award for vessel safety ex-

aminations. Additionally, Lea Jewett won the first-place award as top vessel safety examiner of the entire District. Congratulations to him and to all of our vessel safety examiners for a job well done.

I am pleased that Spring is here at long last. Spring commissioning is going on in all of our local marinas. We will again be offering a safety and vessel examination day with the West Cove Yacht Club at Spicer's Marina. The tentative date is June 5. We have plenty of leftover T-shirts to distribute and if anyone would like to participate in these events or become a vessel safety examiner please contact one of the bridge officers.

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CALENDAR

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NLPS Events

20 Apr . — Executive Board Meeting, home of Cmdr Tony Salzarulo, JN, Colchester , 1900—all welcome! (note: change in date from PRINTED April Yardarm....Sorry about that!

26 Apr . — Change of Watch Luncheon , 1300, Groton Motor Inn & Suites (enclosed invitation)

D1/Other Events

Ahoy!

The location of the
CHANGE OF WATCH

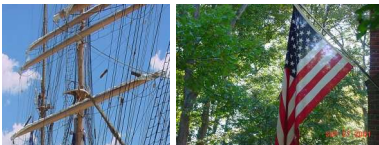
Sunday, MARCH 26 has been changed to Groton Motor Inn and Suites in order to provide a savings of \$10 per ticket! See enclosed invitation. Join us at 1:00PM

RSVP to Ruth MacDonald by April 20

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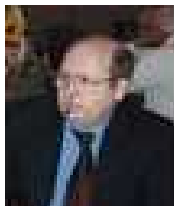
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SEO News

Lea Jewett, SEO



The first public boating course has finished using the new America's Boating Course 3rd Edition text. There will be a new course starting May 11 at the Sub Vets Hall on School St, Groton. JN has officially finished with the return of the exam for the last student to take the exam. All students in the class passed. Congratulations to all. Piloting started Wednesday April 1 at the Waterford Police station and there is still room for anyone who wishes to join the class. For those who have taken JN recently or in the past I am trying set up an N class for a fall (Sept) start. I would like to order the materials so that students can do their Sight Folders during warm weather. Due to the cost of the N course I will be ordering only enough books for those taking the course. Please get in touch with me if you are interested.

Vessel Safety Report

A new boating season is fast approaching and New London Power Squadron did well last year. This year we hope to do as well if not better. For the second year in a row New London took 1st Place in District 1 for having the greatest percentage of Vessel Examiners giving safety checks. A congratulation to Lea Jewett, for taking 1st Place in District 1, for the most VE's given during the year. To those who would like to become a Vessel Examiner, please contact me so we can set up a class. I have forms, CT Boating Guides, Federal Boating Guides and decals ready for this season. If you wish to schedule an examination go to <http://www.safetyseal.net/>, click on "I Want a VSC" and enter the zip code where you keep your vessel. Or go to the squadron vessel safety check web page <http://www.newlondonpowersquadron.org/vesselsafetycheck.html> and choose the one of the two options at the bottom of the page. It's FREE!

Happy Birthday!

April

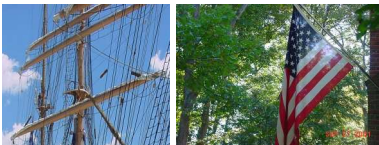
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Kevin Simmons	Waterford	08

Deal's Second Law of Sailing

No matter how strong the breeze when you leave the dock, once you have reached the furthest point from port the wind will die.

Did you know that 71% of the fatal accidents in Connecticut over the last 10 years were related to stability issues (boat capsized, person fell out of boat, boat swamped). Wear your life jacket and be sure to maintain 3 points of contact on the boat at all times.





Reprinted with permission—while most of our boats don't meet the 65 foot limit, it is interesting to know what is going on with respect protection of Right Whales—Editor

March 30, 2009

Dear Maritime Interests,

Please remember that the **Great South Channel Seasonal Management Area (SMA) comes into effect APRIL 1**. This means that all three northeast SMAs will be in effect (Off Race Point through April 30, Cape Cod Bay through May 15, Great South Channel through July 31), as well as all of the mid-Atlantic SMAs through April 30 and the southeast SMA through April 15. Vessels 65 ft. and greater must slow to 10 knots or less when transiting through these areas. For more information about the ship strike reduction regulations, including graphics and coordinates, please visit www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/shipstrike.

Compliance guides for the right whale ship strike reduction rule are available. If you would like placards to distribute to your fleet, please send me an email with the number you would like to receive and a mailing address. The compliance guide is also available electronically at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/shipstrike/compliance_guide.pdf

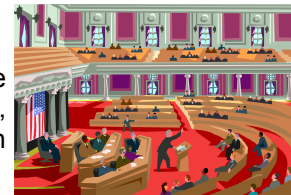
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Legislative Update

By Eleanor Mariani, State Boating Law Administrator, DEP Boating Division



The legislative session began January 7 and has been in full swing ever since. There are numerous bills this session that will have an impact on boating safety, should they pass. The DEP submitted a bill this year entitled *An Act Concerning Marine Dealers, Marine Surveyors and Yacht Dealers*. It is mostly a matter of equity and a need to update law to reflect new technologies. Yacht brokers often do not have offices, yet run legitimate businesses to sell boats. Bill No. 824, will allow yacht brokers and marine surveyors to have marine dealer registration numbers. Marine surveyors have never been able to apply for marine registration numbers, that are similar to auto dealer plates. The bill has received a Joint Favorable out of the Environment Committee and will proceed to the Legislative Commissioner's Office (LCO), Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) and Office of Legislative Research (OLR) for review and analysis before it is sent to the floor. For your information any bill that did not make it out of the Environment Committee by March 20 is essentially dead. It is expected to pass, unless it is not called for a vote.....which can and does happen. Joint Favorable means both Republicans and Democrats approved it.

The Governor submitted Bill, No. 832, *An Act Concerning Boating Safety*, which will create the penalty of manslaughter in the second degree for the intoxicated boater who causes the death of another. This bill was passed out of the Environment Committee and then went to

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will be days away from our change of watch the ceremony on April 26. At this annual event we say goodbye to the old bridge and welcome the new. For those of you who never attended a change of watch ceremony, consider attending this year. We break out all the bells and whistles with all of the USPS pomp and circumstance.

This is my last article as Commander of the New London Power Squadron. I must admit the last two years flew by. It was an especially rewarding experience for me. I've run my own business for close to 30 years now but being at the helm of an all volunteer nonprofit organization brought its own unique challenges. For those of you out there who may be considering becoming more involved in our organization, I can certainly attest to the fact that I got out much more than I put in. I had a blast! Most of all, I made friends with some truly wonderful people in the process. Thank you all for your help and encouragement.

See you on the water!

Tony

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the Judiciary Committee, where it was passed out of the committee with substitute language. It will now be reviewed by LCO, OFA and OLR. It is expected to pass.

House Bill 6160, entitled *An Act Concerning Reciprocal and Concurrent Sanctions for Operating a Motor Vehicle or a Vessel While under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or any Drug* will be an incredibly powerful deterrent to operating under the influence. This bill ties Driving Under the Influence with Boating Under the Influence. If arrested for DUI, your boating certificate would concurrently be suspended and for BUI, your driver's license would be suspended. Ten other states have similar connections. This has been JFed out of Judiciary and is under LCO/OFA/OLR Review.

HB 5467, *An Act Concerning the Speed of Vessels in the Mystic River, Williams Cove, Beebe Cove, West Cove and Palmer Cove* seeks to expand the speed zones already in place on the Mystic River. DEP is working with the crafters of the bill to determine the best vehicle for this, as it may be by regulation. If that is the case a public hearing will be held and all users of the River will be invited to provide comments.

I will keep you apprised of how these bills are doing. Please keep in mind these changes that went into effect October 2008.

- ◆ Children 12 and under must wear life jackets when above deck and underway, this is up from 11 years and under.
- ◆ A child under 16 can operate a vessel other than Personal Watercraft (ie. JetSki) without a certificate if under direct supervision of a person at least 18 or older who has had a certificate for at least 2 years.
- ◆ Only boats 40 feet and up need a bell.



Come out of Hibernation!!!! Join us in Wel-
coming the NEW BRIDGE

At the

CHANGE OF WATCH: SUNDAY, APRIL 26

New Location: Groton Motor Inn and
Suites, Route 184 , Groton

See enclosed invitation

**The Pledge of the United
States Power Squad-
rons:**

Render assistance whenever possible; and

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

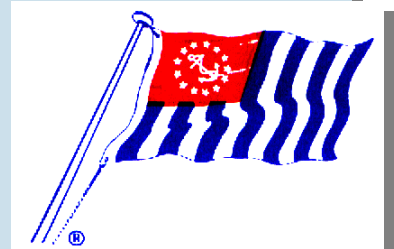
and respect to the United States Power Squadrons.

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;



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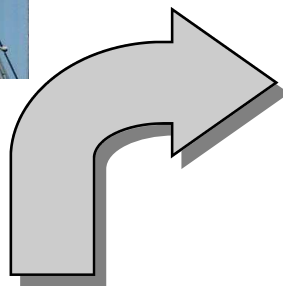
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