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The Cdr's View

Chris Jordan, AP



Hello everyone. Spring is well underway and warmer weather is finally upon us. It's good to be out and about working on the boat, making plans for summer, and scrambling to get the boat ready for the water in anticipation of an enjoyable summer. For boaters, this time of year is filled with excitement, dedication, hard work, and the anticipation of the rewards to come in the form of quality time spent with friends and family.

I am very grateful and honored to have been elected as your Commander for the next year. I would like to thank Tony Salzarulo for doing an outstanding job as Commander for the past two years. Tony has given the New London Power Squadron a unique momentum and direction that I intend to continue with. I would also like to thank the entire Bridge and committees for their sacrifices, commitment, and tireless efforts in keeping our Squadron "underway and making way". I would like to say a special thank you to Ruth McDonald for organizing a fantastic Change of Watch.

This is an exciting year for the NLPS. This year, our Squadron is 70 years old! We are the fourth oldest Squadron in District 1. To celebrate this occasion, we will be having a cookout on July 25. Please

join us for an exciting celebration. More details will follow in the next Yardarm.

I feel strongly that there has never been a better time to be a member of the New London Power Squadron, and there has never been a better time to take full advantage of all that the New London Power Squadron has to offer.

Again, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Chris Jordan

NLPS turns 70!
Come Celebrate
July 25th

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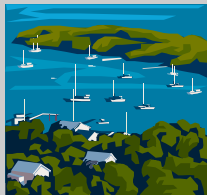


NLPS Events

20 June — NLPS Safety Day, Burr's Yacht Haven, New London, 1100—1400.

25 July — 70th Celebration of NLPS; Save the Date; more to come!!!

14 September — Executive Board Meeting, location TBA, 1900.



Other Summer Events

4 July — Norwich Harbor Fireworks

11 July — New London Sailfest & Fireworks

18 July — Niantic Bay Fireworks.

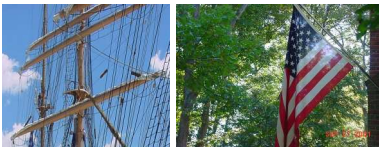
D1 Summer Events

26, 27, 28 JUNE 2009
SEAPORT MARINE, MYSTIC, CT
1-860-536-9651-CALL FOR RESERVATIONS

DISTRICT MINI CRUISE
TOWNSEND MARINA, GREENPORT, NY
17, 18, 19 JULY 2009
1-631-477-2000 FOR RESERVATIONS

DISTRICT SAIL RACE
PILOTS POINT MARINA
08 AUGUST 2009
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POKER RUN
HAMBURG COVE YACHT CLUB
26 SEPTEMBER 2009
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SEO News

Lea Jewett, SEO



If anyone is interested becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner, please feel free to download the Vessel Safety Check Manual and the VE Manual: Errata and Explanations. Both are pdf files and they can be found at the following website <http://www.usps.org/national/vsc/formtool.html>. I will be holding a class soon. This information will get you started and make any class time easier.

2009 District 1 Rendezvous

26-28 June, 2009

Seaport Marine

2 Washington Street, Mystic, CT

www.noankshipyard.com/seaportmarine.html

Make reservations by 15 June 2009.

State that you are a member of District 1 USPS.

Friday, 26 June: 1900 Pot Luck Supper

Saturday, 27 June:

TBA-District Chaplain Paul Bialecki will bless the fleet.

1800 – Continental Breakfast

0900 – Children’s activities; poster contest (continuous)

1030- Rowing contest (Contestants supply inflatable)

1130- PFD demo

1300 – D/1 Council Meeting, hosted by Hartford.

1500 – Poster Contest Judging

1700 – Cookout – Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, beans, salad, dessert.

2000- Entertainment

All Day- A Coast Guard Vessel from Homeland Security will be present for information and display.

Sunday 28 June: 0800 - Pancake Breakfast at the Pavilion.

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Happy Birthday!

May

Name	Town	Day
Michael Blum, P	Farmington	08
Thomas Clay, Sr, S	Groton	26
Andrew DiCostanzo	Colchester	02
P/C John Kurrus, SN	Mystic	08



June

Debralyn Baker	New London	06
Gail Brown	Lincolnville Center	18
Murphy Kevin, AP	Waterford	14
Francis Rago	Waterford	21
Patricia Todd, AP	Gales Ferry	02
Richard Twomey, AP	East Lyme	17
Karen Volkmar, S	Niantic	04

July

Kim Boswell	Jewett City	09
Christopher Wick, JN	Mystic	15

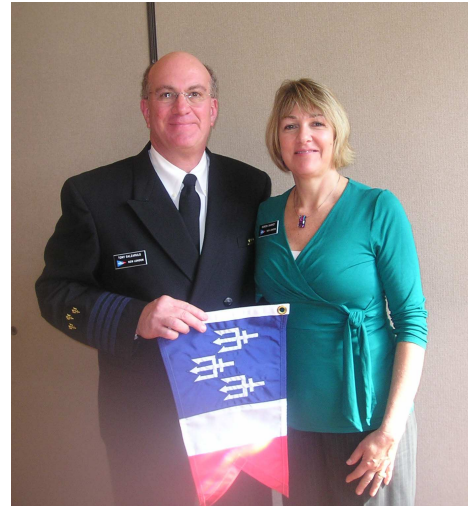


2009-2010 Change of Watch

The Change of Watch, which ushers in the new Bridge, was held April 26 at the Groton Inn and Suites. Chris Jordan was sworn in as Commander by District Commander Nason.



Chris welcomed the rest of his Bridge and presented outgoing Commander Tony Salzarulo with an award, past commander flag and much praise for the great job that he did in increasing membership and renewing member interest in the Squadron. Tony also forged a partnership with the Sea Scouts of Groton and we were honored to have them present the colors.

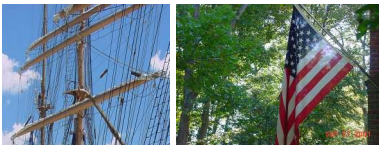


Outgoing Commander Tony Salzarulo presented an award to Bob Payette for all the work he had done over the years for the NLPS. Bob held numerous Bridge positions including Commander. He published the Yardarm for years up until 2003 and created the

original NLPS website. We wish Bob well in his future endeavors.

Ruth MacDonald did an outstanding job with arranging the COW, which included a change of venue to save costs. Everyone loved the Groton Inn and Suites.





Rules to Live By

By Jack Kurrus, SN



In the last issue we looked at Rule 21 of Part C, Lights and Shapes, in this issue we will take look at Rule 22 Visibility of Lights

Rule 22 –Visibility of Lights *Note: International and Inland Rule 22 virtually the same. Inland Rules differences will*

be included in italics

The Lights prescribed in these Rules shall have an intensity as specified in Section 8 of Annex I to these Regulations so as to be visible at the following minimum ranges:

(a) In vessels of 50 meters (164 ft) or more in length:

- a masthead light, 6 miles;
- a sidelight, 3 miles;
- a sternlight, 3 miles;
- a towing light, 3 miles;
- a white, red, green or yellow all around light, 3 miles
- a special flashing light, 2 miles. (Inland Rules only)*

(b) In vessels of 12 meters (39.4 ft) or more in length but less than 50 meters (164 ft) in

- length:
- a masthead light, 5 miles; except that where the length of the vessel is less than 20 meters (65.6 ft), 3 miles;
 - a sidelight, 2 miles;
 - a sternlight, 2 miles;
 - a towing light, 2 miles;
 - a white, red, green or yellow all-around light, 2 miles.
 - a special flashing light, 2 miles. (Inland Rules only)*

(c) In vessels less than 12 meters (39.4 ft) in length:

- a masthead light, 2 miles;
- a sidelight, 1 mile;
- a sternlight, 2 miles ;
- a towing light, 2 miles
- a white, red, green or yellow all-around light, 2 miles.
- a special flashing light, 2 miles. (Inland Rules only)*

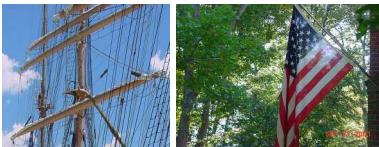
(d) In inconspicuous, partly submerged vessels or objects being towed:

- a white all-around light, 3 miles.

Almost all of Rule 22 informs, but does not require. Only the first sentence requires anything, which is that navigation lights be as bright as the technical specifications of Annex I say they must be. Rule 22 does not say that the navigation lights shall be visible at the distance given. If a navigation light meets the minimum Annex I intensity requirement, but is no brighter than required, and if visibility is good, then that navigation light could be seen at the distance given in Rule 22. Keeping those conditions in mind, the list of minimum ranges gives you a good idea of the relative performance of navigation lights. You will know, for example that the masthead light can be seen long before the sidelights appear.

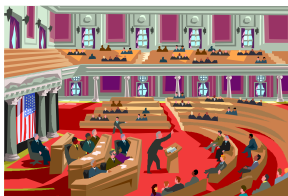
Note: Sources for this article were:

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



Legislative Update

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



chambers. The intent of the bill is to improve the regulation of Marine Dealers, Marine Surveyors, and Yacht Brokers to allow greater flexibility for demonstrating vessels.

Well the legislative session has wrapped up with some interesting changes for boaters. DEP gets a new Marine Fishing license bill (Placed as an amendment on HB 5835) effective the day the legislation is signed by the Governor. The link to the Salt Water license has been disabled until the Governor signs it into law. She is expected to sign it....so if you already bought a license, don't despair. After the bill is signed, you can buy the \$10 saltwater license on line at www.ct.gov/dep. Click on "CT Sportsman's License" on the right of the page under "Featured Links". Below are the demarcation lines of the marine district.

Alewife Cove: New London-Waterford. Entirely in Marine District.

Beebe Cove: Groton. Entirely in Marine District.

Connecticut River: I-95 bridge. old Lyme-old Saybrook.

Jordan Cove: Waterford. First railroad crossing.

Mumford Cove: Groton. Entirely in Marine District.

Mystic River: Stonington-Groton. 500 feet north of Route 1.

Niantic River: East Lyme-Waterford. Golden Spur Bridge, Route 1.

and **Quanaduck Cove:** Stonington. 500 feet north of Route 1.

Thames River: Groton-New London. 500 ft. North of Rte. 1, I-95 bridge.

The DEP sponsored bill entitled, An Act Concerning Marine Dealers, Marine Surveyors, and Yacht Brokers (SB 824) which passed both

The Governor's Boating Safety Bill (SB 832) also passed both chambers. It increases the penalties for a person who causes the death of another while operating a vessel while under the influence of drugs or alcohol to a class C felony, which requires mandatory jail time.

House Bill #6160 would have linked Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol to Boating Under the Influence. It called for suspension of a person's boating certification if arrested for DUI and suspension of a person's driver's license if arrested for BUI. While it did not pass, DEP has been asked to work with DMV to see how to make it work.....so stay tuned to see this again.

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\$8.00 Adult, \$4.00 children under 12. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

Vessel Examiners will be available throughout the day both Saturday and Sunday to perform Safety Checks.

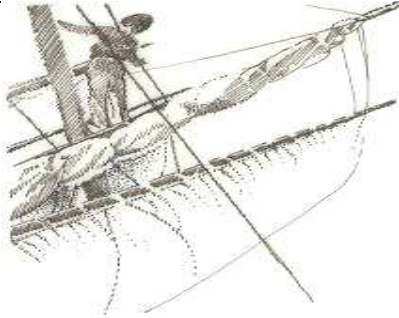
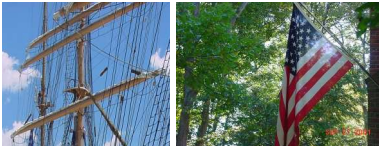
Dockage: (25 foot minimum)

\$2.75/ft for the 1st night

\$2.25/ft for the 2nd night

\$1.50/ft for the 3rd night

Docking arrangements to be made directly with Noank Shipyard (Abby Holstine)860-536-9651



Looking Back

OVER THE YARDARM



By Jack Kurrus

25 YEARS AGO

June 1984

FROM THE BRIDGE

Cdr Robinson asked me (*P/C Bob Bulford, SEO*) as Educational Officer to present the message for June. I'd like to review two organizations closely related to the New London Power Squadron. First for new members of the Squadron, there is an organization almost as old as Squadron called the ALPHA MATES. (now defunct) This is an auxiliary the New London Power Squadron and has supported this Squadron 100% throughout the years.....Alpha Mates have supplied the Squadron with practically all the visual aides and equipment used to teach USPS courses.....This organization was probably the main reason I joined the Squadron..... this is the organization where you do things together..... The second club a new member should know about for his Squadron created its beginning is called the Tri-Squadron Association. This was formed in the early fifties to get activities between clubs and friendships expanded on a regional basis. New London chartered in 1939, West-erly chartered in 1950 and Norwich chartered in 1953 joined together to form the Tri-

Squadron Association (*Now Tri-Squadron Association Plus One, since Saybrook PS joined with us*) The Association By-Laws created certain events that were to take place each year.The main event years ago was the Predicted Log Contest usually held early in the Summer.....Also each June on the fourth Monday a picnic for all members is held by a host Squadron..... The Association also holds a Hauling out Party during the Fall and a Founders Day celebration in February each Years. (*the activities of the Association are being held in abeyance at his time*)

50 YEARS AGO

June 1959

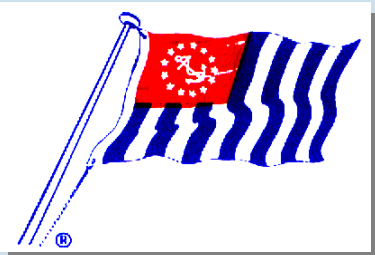
BEACH PARTY

ON SUNDAY 5 JULY, A BEACH PARTY AND PICNIC IS PLANNED FOR THE OUTBOARDS AT WATCH HILL. DEPARTURE FROM BURR'S DOCK AT 900 HOURS. EVERYONE WELCOME, EITHER OUTBOARD, IN-BOARD OR SAIL. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH AND LIQUID REFRESHMENTS. THIS SHOULD BE A VERY ENJOYABLE DAY.

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 ☆ NLPS Turns 70 this year!! ☆
 ☆ Come join in on the fun celebrations. ☆
 ☆ Commander Chris Jordan ☆
 ☆ is trying to coordinate a ☆
 ☆ NEW ENGLAND LOBSTER BAKE ☆
 ☆ JULY 25 ☆
 ☆ **SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!** ☆
 ☆ Look Inside for D1 Summer Events!! ☆
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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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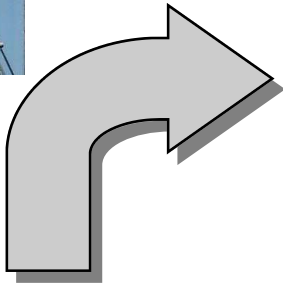
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