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The Cdr's View

Eleanor Mariani, AP



Season's Greetings!!!!
I hope you will notice the membership meetings that we have scheduled each month. We have a variety of topics coming up that we hope will interest you! See page 4.

We are also scheduling more seminars this year in addition to the full classes. Come and improve your boating skills!!

The Squadron is as strong as its membership. We could really benefit from some help...even if it is to come to a meeting. Better yet, see page 5 to help us fill some important slots. Step out of your comfort zone and get involved.

NLPS will again have a float in the light parade in Niantic on December 12. If you missed it last year....come this year.....it is a blast. Call Chris Jordan for more information.

I wanted to thank Jack Kurrus, SN, P/C for all the time and dedication he has devoted to the Squadron. I recently accepted a Certificate of Appreciation from D1 on his behalf for keeping our historian reports up to date. Due to health reasons Jack has recently had to relinquish his duties.

To wish him well and as a small token of our appreciation, I was able to present him and Peg with a

table top Christmas Tree (Norfolk Pine) decorated with New London Power Squadron "ornaments". Take a look at how great it came out!



Jack has been Commander, taught Engine Mechanics and many of the other classes including the GPS class. He holds the rank of SN—which means he took all of the courses the Squadron has to offer. Way to go Jack—thanks.



Best of health to you!

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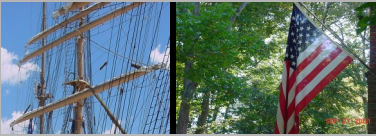


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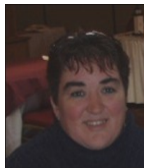
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Message from the Admin Officer

L/C Kim Boswell



Greetings to All,

Don't miss our meeting with Norwich, and Westerly Squadrons, to provide a great presentation on January 25 from an author named Michael Tougias, author of the book "Overboard". For \$5 it is a great deal as the Squadron's will pick up most of the cost for this wonderful speaker.

We had a great time at the NLPS Holiday Party this weekend. Thanks to all who came. If you missed out, please join us in January!

Until the next tide change, be safe☺

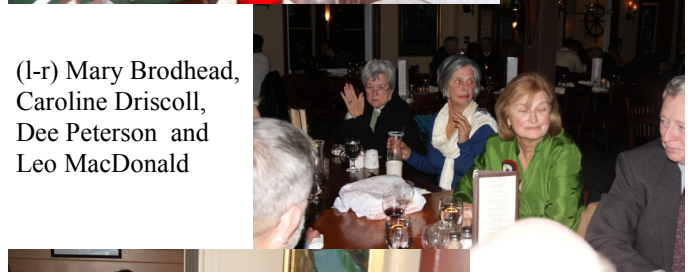
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Holiday Party

On the Waterfront, New London



Chris Jordan, Kim Boswell and Missy



(l-r) Mary Brodhead, Caroline Driscoll, Dee Peterson and Leo MacDonald



Felicia and Ron Murallo

The Executive Board wishes you a very healthy and happy holiday season.





Squadron Education Officer News

Chris Jordan, SEO



Greetings Everyone!!

I hope that everyone has had a fun and safe summer. Now that we are putting our boats to bed for the winter, it is time to start thinking about some fun activities to keep us "on the water" throughout the winter. I can think of no better way to do that than with education.

Two of the four parts of the Boat Operator Certification program are well underway. The Inland Navigator certification was released last year and the Coastal Navigator certification was just released. The Advanced Coastal Navigator and Off-shore Navigator Certifications will be released sometime in the near future.

I am excited about these new programs. These certifications serve to bridge the gap between classroom lectures and actual on the water skills instruction and evaluation. The classes and seminars that we will be offering will be geared towards fulfilling the requirements for the Boat Operator Certification Program. The program is easy to participate in. You may already be qualified for certification based on the classes that you have already taken. The four certifications require you to demonstrate certain skills on the water, as well as take certain classes and seminars.

I will update you on this program as details become available.

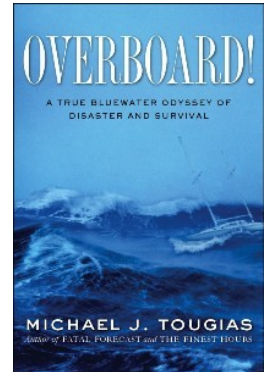
Check out the next Yardarm for seminar dates. We are confirming them now with West Marine, New London. We will try to teach two per month for the winter!!

Fair winds and fair tides,

Chris Jordan, SEO

Joint Get Together A Special Presentation

Hosted by Norwich
Power Squadron



When?: January 25, 2011

Where?: Lee Memorial
Church
292 Washington Street
Norwich, CT 06360

What Time?: 7pm

What Up?: *Overboard* A True Bluewater
Odyssey of Disaster and Survival
by Michael Tougias, Author & Lecturer
Michael Tougias is a dynamic speaker and an
award winning author of 18 books

In May, 2005, a crew of five people set off on the sailboat, *Almesian*, for a five-day voyage from Connecticut to Bermuda. While the captain and first mate had made the trip dozens of times in the past, this trip would be different. Four days into the voyage, an enormous storm hit the ship, sweeping two of the crew into the sea. "Overboard!" tells the life and death struggles of the crew as they waited to be rescued from the middle of the ocean.

How Much?: \$5.00 per person

Checks can be made out to Norwich Power
Squadron

Come and enjoy an exciting nautical story
that begins in our local waters of Bridgeport!

Michael will have books available for sale !



CALENDAR

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NLPS Events

- 4 December — NLPS Holiday Party**—On the Waterfront, 250 Pequot Avenue, New London 6pm
- 13 December —** Executive Board Meeting; home of Eleanor Mariani
- 10 January—** Executive Board Meeting; home of Mark Chanski, East Lyme
- 25 January—** **Membership Meeting**— A special presentation hosted by Norwich Power Squadron. Come hear Michael Tougias, See page 3
NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM LAST YARDARM—No business meeting
- 15 February—** Executive Board Meeting; home of (to be announced)
- 21 February —** **Membership Meeting** - Save the Date
- 14 March —** Executive Board Meeting; home of (to be announced)
- 21 March—** **Annual Membership Meeting** - Speaker: Robert Tougias, *The Birds of Connecticut* Filomena's, Utopia Shopping Center, Waterford 6pm
- 11 April —** Executive Board Meeting; home of Eleanor Mariani
- 17 April—** **Change of Watch**—Elks Club, 700 Shennecosett Road, Groton -3:30pm

Other Events

- 11 December —** D/1 Holiday Party, Manchester Country Club
- 1-6 February—** National Conference, Disney World, Coronado Springs, Orlando, FL



COVERING EVENING LIGHT

By Ruth MacDonald

Last Saturday, November 20, Leo and I ventured to Georgetown, Maine to Robinhood Marina, it was a beautiful sunny day, in the 40 degree range with wind.



If I do say so myself, the finished product was the best we had done, it actually looked like a couple of professionals did the job. We returned home that evening, tired, lame and happy with the whole day.



It takes 4 hours to arrive at our boat.

Evening Light, our 33 foot Cape Dory sailboat, sat high and dry on the hard. Leo climbed on board, did the systems with anti-freeze, I started to get the rack and boards out of storage and bring to the boat. Cover was rolled up and on the deck of the boat already.



Evening Light is on the market for sale.

Now normally this takes us at least two days, this includes us being lazy, or involved chatting with club members from Shennecossett Yacht Club, in Groton, Ct. But since we have moved the boat to Maine we had just the one day to get it done....we were off and running.

The wind was gusting between 30 and 40 mph and cold. At 12:30 we started this framing. The frame is metal, goes together like an erector set, slats are added and taped together for holding and strength. Between the gusts of wind, once the frame was stable, we unrolled the cover, this canvas comes in two pieces and is zipped in the center once in place, once unrolled the sides just drop down, Leo secured the bow canvas, we zipped the center, tied down, laced the ends, and took a deep breathe. We were done....time 2 1/2 hours. We were so proud of ourselves.....at 3 p.m. we were back in the truck and having lunch.

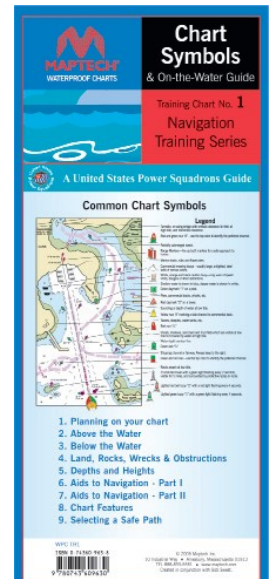
Two Hour Seminars to Start at West Marine, New London

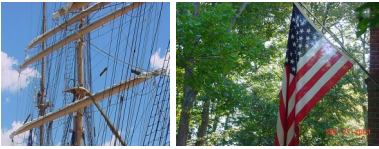
In late January—date to be announced,

Seminar: Chart Reading

Learn:

- ◆ all about charts
- ◆ the essentials of laying out a safe course
- ◆ steps to measure a course with the USPS plotter,
- ◆ a quick guide to the rules of the road.





Join Us for East Lyme's 22nd Light Parade

(the largest and longest running parade in New England)

And NLPS's second



Spreading Holiday Spirit Since 1988

When: Sunday, December 12, 2010, 5pm

(Raindate: Monday the 13th, 6:30pm)

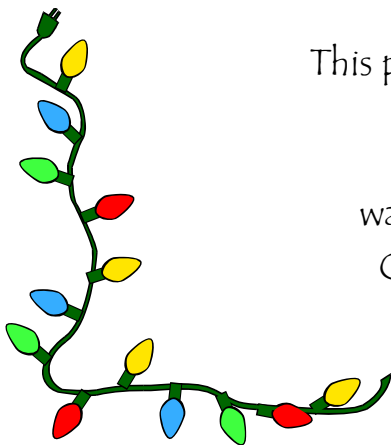
Where: Downtown Niantic

NLPS will put a float into the parade!!!!

Needed: People to march in the parade—
be to staging area between 3—4pm
People to cheer us on

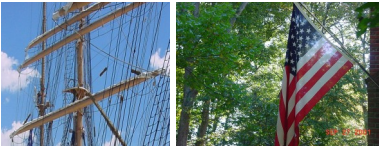
This promises to be a fun event. Come support the Squadron!!!!

Call **Chris Jordan** if you
want to help in any capacity!!
Cell Phone: 860-908-0688



Donate a non-perishable item for one of the mobile donation floats





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New London Power Squadron is joining up with Norwich Squadron for our January meeting. Check out page 3 for details. Come hear about the fateful tale of the captain and first mate that were washed overboard.

Hope everyone has a great holiday season!!

Eleanor



Help Wanted!

The following jobs need to be filled:

- ◆ Editor of the Yardarm
- ◆ Web Master
- ◆ Historian
- ◆ Boaters to teach classes

Pick up some new skills or offer your existing skills. Get involved. Have fun!!

Call Eleanor if you are interested

(860 442-8007)



Lea Jewett, Chris Jordan, Kim Boswell and Tony Salzarulo (r-l) at the Sept. membership meeting.

Happy Birthday!



December Birthdays

Name	Day	Town
Felicity Harley	12	Hebron
Lea Jewett, SN	15	New London
Robert Johnson, AP	18	Mystic
Cmdr Eleanor Mariani, AP	8	Quaker Hill
Greg Roth, JN	1	New London
Frank Skewes, JN	31	Niantic
Bob Smith, AP, PC	21	Wallingford

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



New member Nancy Riella shares a laugh with Leo Macdonald at the Sept. membership meeting at Seahorse the, Noank. Nancy was sworn in at the meeting.



NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 25—see page 3

Happy Holidays!!

**May 2011 be a happy, healthy
and prosperous year for you
and yours.**

The Pledge of the United States Power Squadrons:

Render assistance whenever possible; and

I do solemnly pledge to:

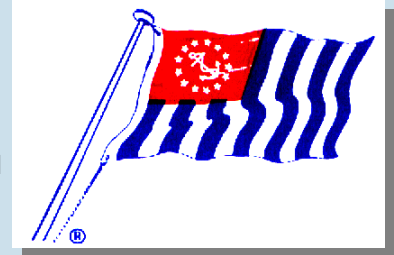
Conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor,

Abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons;

and respect to the United States Power Squadrons.

Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship;

Maintain my boat and operate it legally;



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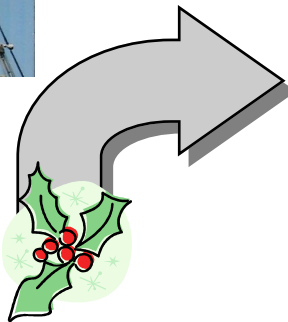
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