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The Cdr's View

Eleanor Mariani, AP



Greetings Everyone!

Summer is over and now it is time to get down to business and enjoy what the Power Squadron is all about—camaraderie, boating safety education and civic duty. We are lining up some great membership meetings and 2 hour seminars, as well as full courses.

The next membership meeting will be November 18 at Mel's Place in Quaker Hill. Dinner is a bargain at just \$8.00. Our speaker will be from the DEP to talk about Marine Fisheries of LIS (see page 3 for more information). Come out and get reacquainted.

Don't miss our Holiday get together on December 4 at **On the Waterfront**, Pequot Avenue, New London. Don't be a stranger!! District is also having a holiday party at the Manchester Country Club. Manchester is a very active Squadron, so I know they will show you a good time. See page 3 for more info.

See our SEO's article for classes. We are teaming up with West Marine, New London, to put on 2 hour seminars. Watch the schedule next month and take a couple or three! Take advantage of these short courses to brush up on your seamanship or learn some new techniques.

National is opening all courses to the public—so our civic responsibilities to educate boaters are expanding.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! Volunteers are needed:

- ◆ Teach a class...put your expertise to work. Lesson plans are detailed.
- ◆ Become editor of the YardarmJack Kurrus is having to pass the torch on this. If you have experience with Microsoft Publisher—or just want to learn...let me know.
- ◆ Conduct Vessel Safety Checks in the Summer
- ◆ Come to membership meetings—they are fun!

Thanks to those that completed the survey that was sent by e-mail. For those that haven't, please take the time to fill out the enclosed survey and send it back to me. It means a lot for the Board to understand what makes this Squadron tick and how we can best serve you.

The Executive Board is contemplating having the Squadron take ownership of a boat or two as donations in an effort to partner with the Seas Scouts.

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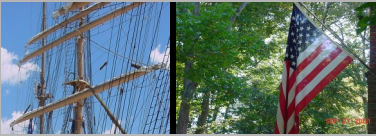
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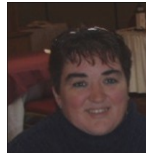
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Message from the Admin Officer

L/C Kim Boswell



Greetings to All,

I hope this letter finds you all well. It is hard to believe that time of year is here upon us once again. The time where all have to pull their boats out of the water, and the cold weather sets in. The leaves change colors and being to fall, leading us up to a very long and cold winter.

Eleanor and I have been working together on planning some upcoming events, for our long and cold winter months. We are working with Norwich, and Westerly Squadrons, to provide a great presentation- some time this winter from an author named Michael Tougias, author of the book "Overboard". He will be giving a wonderful presentation about a captain and his five crew members that were doing a 5 day journey from CT to Bermuda on a sailboat. In that time they ran into some very awful weather and encountered a rogue wave that took the Captain and His first mate right off the boat. Stay tuned to further Yardarms for upcoming date on this presentation.

Our Membership meeting for the Month of November is going to be on November 18, 2010 at

Mel's Place in Quaker Hill. The address for Mel's is **11 Old Colchester Road, 06375**. The Cost is \$8.00 a person. See page 3 for featured information.

On Saturday, December 4th, we are going to have a **Squadron Holiday gathering**, for a night out and some good food. **Time: 6:00pm at On the Waterfront Café in New London☺**. The address for the Café is **250 Pequot Avenue, 06320**. If you would like to attend our gathering, please **RSVP to me either by phone at 860-774-4048 or on my cell 860-933-9875**. You may also email me at **kim.boswell08@gmail.com**, **NO LATER THEN 11/26/2010**. **RSVP's are very important in order for me to give a proper head count to the Café.**

Saturday November 20, 2010 is the District 1 Fall Conference at Pattaconk Yacht Club, Dock Road, Chester from 8am —4:30pm .. All are welcome. See District 1's Sounds of 1 for more information.

Until the next tide change, be safe☺

Kim



Squadron Education Officer News

Chris Jordan, SEO



Look to the December Yardarm for a schedule of classes. We are working out a partnership with West Marine in New London to hold 2 hour seminars..

Membership Meeting

When?: Thursday, November 18

Where?: Mel's Place, 11 Old Colchester Road
Quaker Hill, CT

What Time?: 1800 Cash Bar Available (beer/wine)
1830 Dinner
1915 Guest Speaker: David Molnar
2000 Business Meeting



New London Power Squadron

Holiday Get Together!!

On the Waterfront,
250 Pequot Avenue
New London

Saturday, 4 December 2010

6pm

Come for a drink or come for dinner.

Deadline for signing up — 26 November



What Up?: Come hear David Molnar talk about the fish of Long Island Sound. David is a fisheries biologist .

How Much?: \$8.00 per person
Ziti and Chicken
Salad
Rolls, Butter
Coffee

Call Lt/C Kim Boswell 860 774-4048 or
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CALENDAR

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NLPS Events

- 8 November —** Executive Board Meeting; homes of Jack Kurrus and Ellen Barbour, Stone Ridge, Jerry Browne Drive, Stonington
- 18 November —** **Membership Meeting** - Speaker: David Molnar, Fisheries of LIS Mel's Place, 11 Old Colchester Road, Quaker Hill, 6pm (see page 3 for details)
- 4 December —** **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
- 17 January—** **Membership Meeting** - Save the Date
- 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: 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

- 20 November —** D/1 Conference, Pattaconck Yacht Club, 0900-1630
- 11 December —** D/1 Holiday Party, Manchester Country Club
- 6 February—** National Conference, Disney World, Coronado Springs, Orlando, FL



New London Power Squadron (NLPS) Questionnaire Date _____

(please e-mail back or send to Cmdr. Eleanor Mariani, 16 Wilson Avenue, Quaker Hill, CT 06375)

Member Name _____ Spouse/Partner Name _____

Thanks for renewing your membership. The Executive Board would like to ask you a few questions in order to better serve your needs.

Member information update:

E-mail address _____

What is your primary boat? ___ Sail ___ Power ___ Paddlecraft length: _____

Boat name (primary boat) _____

Where do you keep it (names, where applicable)? _____

Do you regularly crew on someone else's boat? _____

If so, what type of boat? _____

Please provide any new address or phone number _____

1. Are you interested in getting together by boat ___ late afternoon/evenings ___ weekends?

If so, suggested rendezvous sites? _____

2. Are you interested in the social aspects of membership? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, what prevents you from attending the events currently planned?

If not, are there any social events that you would prefer that are not currently offered?

3. Would you like to schedule a Vessel Safety Check for next year? ___ Yes ___ No

4. Are you aware of the classes available through the local Squadrons? ___ Yes ___ No

5. Are you interested in taking any of the advanced classes? (check all that apply)

___ Seamanship ___ Piloting ___ Advanced Piloting ___ Junior Navigation ___ Navigation

___ Weather ___ Cruise Planning ___ Engine Mechanics ___ Marine Electronics

6. Are you interested in taking any of the **2- hour seminars** offered? (check all that apply)

Sail Trim VHF/DSC Marine Radio GPS Boat Handling under Power

Anchoring Basic Coastal Navigation How to Use a Chart Mariner's Compass

Hurricanes and Boats Knots, Bends and Hitches Marine Radar

Mastering the Rules of the Road Onboard Weather Forecasting Paddlesmart

Partner in Command Trailering Your Boat Adv. Powerboat Handling

7. NLPS performs civic duties – boat shows, instructing people on boating safety, vessel safety checks. Are you interested in helping us do such things? Yes No

8. Are you interested in getting involved with the organization? – such as a board position, teaching, publishing the Yardarm, doing the website – we can teach you how. They are great skills to learn! No
 Yes -What Capacity? _____

9. Do you read the Yardarm? Yes No Comments: _____
How would you prefer to receive it? electronically mail

10. Do you use the NLPS Website? www.newlondonpowersquadron.org
If so how often? Seldom Frequently Never
What items do you use most? _____

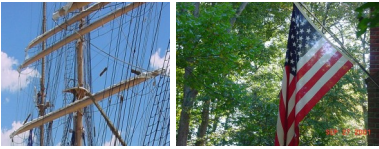
11. Do you use the District 1 website? www.usps.org/localusps/d1
If so, how often? Seldom Frequently Never

12. Do you use the National website? www.usps.org
If so, how often? Seldom Frequently Never

13. What are the reasons you are a member of the New London Power Squadron?

14. How can we add value for you?

15. Any other comments or concerns – Please let us know if you want a personal call Yes



Since we are a 501c3, non-profit organization, we can legally accept boats as donations and provide the donor a receipt that can be used for tax purposes. While Sea Scouts can certainly receive donations they cannot provide a legal receipt. This is where NLPS would come in.. We are considering a partnership that would allow us limited use of the vessel while Sea Scouts would operate and maintain it, and, of course, use it for teaching seamanship skills.

Before the Squadron does this, we would like to get the pulse of the Squadron on such an endeavor. Do you think that NLPS should take on the responsibility of a donated boat? Maybe it should be a boat that we could race on Wednesday nights or periodically in other weekend races. We could use it as an ambassador on the water—with a banner telling about the Squadron. Hopefully, it would attract new members. Also, a close association with the Sea Scouts is great because the Scouts are in need of lots of classes that taught by the Power Squadron. Associating ourselves with the Sea Scouts can be a win-win situation.

The thought is that revenue from sale of the vessel would be split with the Sea Scouts. So it could add to our coffers. However, NLPS would be the owner, so there is a potential that we would need to provide upgrades in order to eventually sell the vessel. Let me know your thoughts. Do you think NLPS should venture into accepting boat donations? Please e-mail me, call (see page 2) or send me a note with your thoughts (16 Wilson Avenue, Quaker Hill, Ct 06375).

Also please contact me if you want to volunteer for any of the positions we have available. I hope to see you all at our November 18 meeting. We have some 25 year pins to award at that meeting. Congratulations to Carlton Saari, of Waterford, and Robert Johnson, from Mystic. Congratulations!!! And thank you for your continued support of this great organization.

Best Regards, Eleanor

November Birthdays



Name	Day	Town
Mary Ferrell	15	Groton
Chris Jordan, AP	17	Dayville
Joseph Jordan, S.	12	Niantic
Fred Kilgus	19	Gales Ferry
Matthew Orwat	19	Preston
Bob Payette, P	08	Preston
Jon Peterson, AP	18	Waterford
Bernie Rogers, SN	25	Groton
Shirley Wick, AP	28	Mystic

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



District 1 Holiday Party

Manchester Country Club (Exit 3 off 384)
305 S. Main Street, Manchester, CT

Saturday, 11 December 2010

\$35 per person.

1800—1900 Social Hour/Cash Bar

1900—Dinner—Buffet

Dance to DJ's Don and Nina Sawyer

Theme: "Casual—Just Black and White"

NO JEANS

Please bring an unwrapped toy
for "Toys for Tots"

Deadline for signing up 6 December—

See Lt/C Kim Boswell for tickets

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☆☆ **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** ☆☆☆

☆☆ **Thursday, November 18 at 6pm** ☆☆☆
☆☆ **Mel's Place, Quaker Hill** ☆☆☆
☆☆ **(see page 3)** ☆☆☆

☆☆ **Please fill out survey beginning** ☆☆☆
☆☆ **page 5 and return to** ☆☆☆
☆☆ **your Commander. Thanks!!!** ☆☆☆

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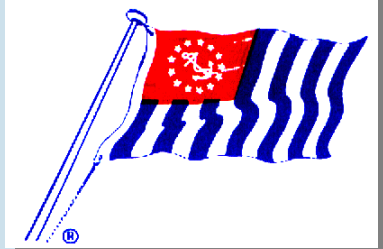
☆☆ I do solemnly pledge to: ☆☆☆

☆☆ Abide by the bylaws of the ☆☆☆
☆☆ United States Power ☆☆☆
☆☆ Squadrons; ☆☆☆

☆☆ Promote high standards ☆☆☆
☆☆ of navigation and sea- ☆☆☆
☆☆ manship; ☆☆☆

☆☆ 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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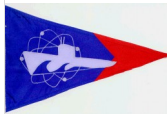
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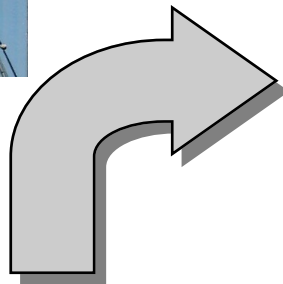
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