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The Cdr's View

Eleanor Mariani, AP-

Happy New Year!!

And Groundhog's Day!!



Well the new year is finally here and the groundhog didn't see its shadow....so maybe we'll finally get a break on the weather!

Last year was rough for many people on a number of levels. Hopefully, 2011 will be uplifting. USPS is off to a great start. They have just hired Ray Tsuneyoshi as program director. He was Boating Law Administrator for the state of California and did a wonderful job with supporting the boaters there. USPS will benefit from his experience and enthusiasm. The US Coast Guard is looking for on-water boating safety training. USPS is poised to fill that niche.

Hopefully, you have made your new year's resolutions. Well, if upgrading your boating education is on the list....let me know what class you want so we can try to offer it. That includes the 2 hour seminars.

If having more fun is on your list.....come to our membership meetings. Michael Tougias did a great job in spinning the tale of the Meridian, out of Bridgeport.

In March we have our Annual Membership meeting. This is where you vote for the next slate of officers. In addition we will have Robert Tougias (Michael's brother) speak about Birds of Connecticut. He is a fascinating speaker and will help you track birds based on habitat. With rivers, meadows, mountains and marshes, Connecticut has a variety of habitats that attract many species of birds. Take some time out of your busy schedules and join us.

If you want to share your knowledge and talents—we need teachers for the basic boating class and for the more advanced grades. So if your forte is sailing, engine mechanics or GPS, or general boating knowledge, please consider volunteering your time so that others may learn. It is a rewarding experience.

Please come to our annual meeting, voice your opinion of what you want from the NLPS—we would love to hear from you!

Best Regards,

Eleanor

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Former California Boating Law Administrator Named U.S. Power Squadrons' National Program Director

By: Louis Gerlinger, Log News Service | Monday, December 13, 2010 12:00 am



HUNTINGTON BEACH— Former California Department of Boating and Waterways (Cal Boating) Director Raynor Tsuneyoshi has been appointed as national program director for the United

States Power Squadrons (USPS).

Tsuneyoshi, who had served nine years as director of Cal Boating before resigning in April, was officially appointed to the position of USPS national program director during a meeting of the organization's executive board at its national headquarters in Raleigh, N.C. Dec. 11. He will officially assume the director position Jan. 1.

I am extremely excited about the prospects of helping the Power Squadrons to become a leading force in boating safety education." Tsuneyoshi told The Log News Service Dec. 13.

Seamanship Course Being Offered

The Education Unit of NLPS has set up a study group for the Seamanship course. It is just getting started and takes place Wednesday evenings, 7pm at the Waterford Police Department. If you are interested in joining—please contact Tony Salzarulo or Chris Jordan (see contact info above).

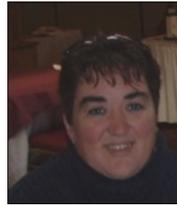
SEAMANSHIP (S)

Building on the basics taught in the public boating course, Seamanship is the recommended first course for both power boaters and sailors. Students learn practical marlinespike, navigation rules, hull design and performance, responsibilities of the skipper, boat care, operating a boat under normal and abnormal conditions, what to do in various emergencies and weather conditions, nautical customs and common courtesy on the water. This course provides a needed introduction to the USPS Educational Program and a strong foundation for students going on to other Advanced Grades courses and/or Cruise Planning or Sail.



Message from the Admin Officer

L/C Kim Boswell



Greetings to All,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health during this terribly long and very snowy winter. I just wanted to give you all a bit of information. First of all I want to thank all of you who came out for the Michael Tougias Presentation January 25th. It was definitely very informative, and there was quite a turn out.

Please plan to attend our Annual Meeting at which time we shall elect our 2011 Bridge officers. That meeting will be held on the March 21st at 6:00pm, at [Filomena's restaurant in Waterford, 262 Boston Post Road](#). Filomena's is located on the left end of the Utopia Center.

Please RSVP to me NO LATER than March 10, 2011. It is crucial that I have an exact head count for me to give to the place of venue so the room can be accommodated for us. Either email me at kim.boswell08@gmail.com or call me either at 860-774-4048 or cell 860-933-9875.

The Change of Watch venue has been booked for April 17; 3:30pm! We are going to the Groton Elks Club, 700 Shennecosset Road. The cost will be \$34.00 a person. I am really excited, the Elks is a wonderful venue! I will need RSVP's by the end of March, no later. See March Yardarm for details.

Until Next Tide Change, Be Safe,

Kim

**March Membership Meeting
Filomena's Restaurant**

When?: March 21

Where?: Filomena's Restaurant
262 Boston Post Road
Waterford

What Time?: 6pm cocktails
Appetizers and Dinner available—

What Up?: Short Business Meeting

- ♦ Election of Officers

Speaker:

Robert Tougias—Birds
of Connecticut



Mr. Tougias presents a "habitat" approach to birding, showing how to use the awareness of habitat to find birds. Within each habitat, a unique set of birds can be found. Robert Tougias syndicates nature articles in newspapers throughout New England and writes two birding columns for newspapers in his home state of Connecticut. His articles on wildlife have appeared in many magazines, including Appalachian Trailways and Fur-Fish-Game. Mr. Tougias began birding at the age of seven and has been presenting his artwork in juried shows since age eleven. He has also been birding in Massachusetts and Connecticut for many years. His favorite bird is the Wood Thrush

How Much?: \$5.00 suggested—we'll pass the hat for our speaker

Appetizers and Dinner Available—pay server for your order

Come out and talk boating and birds!!!!

RSVP: by March 11 to

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CALENDAR

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NLPS Events

16 February— America's Boating Class begins, Waterford PD, Waterford, 7pm

14 March — Executive Board Meeting; home of Jon Peterson

21 March— **Annual Membership Meeting/Election of Officers**

Speaker: Robert Tougias, *The Birds of Connecticut* Filomena's, Utopia Shopping Center, Waterford 6pm

11 April — Executive Board Meeting; home of Eleanor Mariani, 7 pm

17 April— **Change of Watch**—Elks Club, 700 Shennecosett Road, Groton -3:00pm



Michael Tougias, describing details from his book *Overboard*



The crowd listening to Michael Tougias!

IT Takes All Kinds

The Love Love was built to look as if it is sinking. French artist Julien Berthier has designed a fully functional boat to look as if it is sinking. The 6.5m (21ft) yacht was cut in half with a new keel and motor added so it remains in the sinking position while being fully functional. He describes it as "the permanent and mobile image of a wrecked ship that has become a functional and safe leisure object."

Berthier has taken the boat (or half-a-boat) across the English Channel to London and has toured it around Europe, getting plenty of offers of assistance from unwitting good Samaritans, who would presumably be either very annoyed or rather bemused by the contraption.

The designer and artist designed and built the floating installation in 2007. For more see

www.julienberthier.org/Love-love .





Ethanol - 15

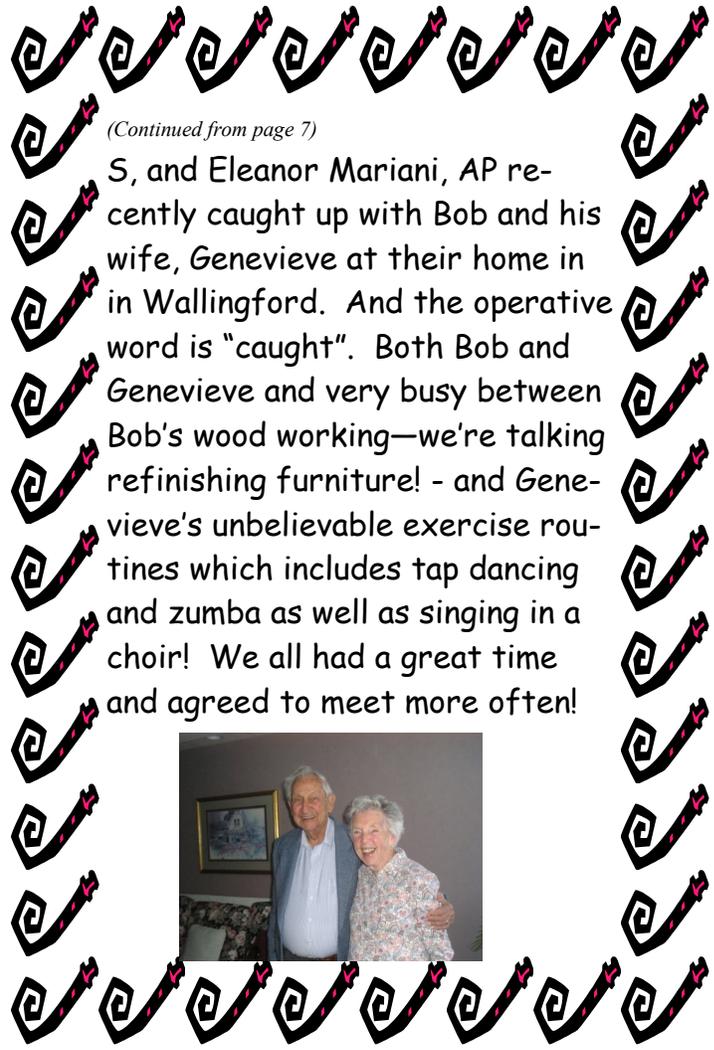
The Government and Partner Relations Committee has been involved in the E10-E15 issue for some time in Washington and with National Marine Manufacturer's Association and other organizations.

According to Earl Waesche , Legislative Director of the National Boating Federation: The National Marine Manufacturers Assoc. (NMMA) filed suit in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, challenging the October 13, 2010 decision by the EPA to partially approve E15 for a subset of on-highway motor vehicles. NMMA has joined with several other manufacturing groups in a newly formed coalition - the Engine Products Group (EPG) - in pursuing this legal challenge. NMMA expressed regret in having to pursue litigation, but stated that the EPA has not fulfilled its statutory obligations to ensure the safe introduction of E15. NMMA has urged full scientific testing on marine engines and equipment, as required by law, and the rational evaluation of policy mechanisms to protect consumers from miss-fueling and product failures caused by E15. In the meantime Congress is considering a bill that would shield retailers from liability suits for miss-fueled engines.

A related and significant issue is that subsidies (last year, \$7.7 billion) to the ethanol producers are set to automatically expire at the end

of this year. While Republican fiscal hard liners worked to not continue the subsidies, the subsidies were included as part of the bill to continue the Bush tax cuts.

A National Boating Federation (NBF) Letter to US Coast Guard Stated: We have sent a letter to the Commandant of the USCG and the Chief of the Office of Boating Safety, informing them of our concerns for the safety of the boating public with the presence of ethanol in marine fuel. While out on the water at night, in a storm or in a fog, engine failure could have disastrous consequences. To date the USCG does not appear to view ethanol as a safety issue.



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S, and Eleanor Mariani, AP recently caught up with Bob and his wife, Genevieve at their home in Wallingford. And the operative word is "caught". Both Bob and Genevieve are very busy between Bob's wood working—we're talking refinishing furniture! - and Genevieve's unbelievable exercise routines which includes tap dancing and zumba as well as singing in a choir! We all had a great time and agreed to meet more often!





REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS 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 election at the annual meeting, Monday March 21, 2011. All candidates have agreed to serve, if elected.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
Commander	Cdr Eleanor Mariani AP
Executive Officer	Lt/C Mark Chanski, P
Educational Officer	P/C Christopher Jordan, AP
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Kim T. Boswell
Secretary/Treasurer	To be nominated from the floor
Asst. Educational Officer	P/C Anthony Salzarulo, JN
Asst. Secretary	Vacant
Asst. Treasurer	Vacant
Executive Committee (1 yr. terms)	P/C M. Ellen Barbour, SN P/Lt/C Truxtun Brodhead, P P/C Henry Curtis, JN P/Lt/C H. Lea Jewett, SN P/Lt/C Jon D. Peterson, AP
Auditing Committee (3 yrs.)	P/Lt/C Jon D. Peterson, AP
(2 yrs.)	P/lt/C Kevin Murphy, AP
(1 yr)	Albert E. Schober, AP
Nominating Committee (3 yrs)	Leo A. MacDonald, P
(2 yrs)	P/C Christopher Jordan, AP
(1 yr)	P/C Anthony Salzarulo, JN
Rules Committee (3 yrs)	P/Lt/C Truxtun Brodhead, P
(2 yrs)	P/C Bernard Baker, JN
(1 yr)	P/C Gregory Roth, JN

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/ Henry F. Curtis _____

P/C Henry F. Curtis, JN



Happy Birthday!

Member Focus:

Robert Smith, AP

Bob recently celebrated his 90th Birthday!!!!!!



Bob has 36 merit marks and has been a Power Squadron's member for 45 years!

Bob was past Commander of the New Haven Squadron and has taken Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Engine Maintenance and Weather.

He also was editor of the New Haven newsletter and served many years on the NLPS Executive Board.

Ellen Barbour, N, Trux Brodhead,

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January

Name	Day	Town
Rosemarine Marone	15	N. Franklin
Brett Sortor, AP	23	Mystic
Suzanne Sortor	22	Mystic

February

Name	Day	Town
Mary Brodhead, S	16	Niantic
Truxtun Brodhead, P	27	Niantic
William Gaynor, JN	20	Noank
Dolores Loprinze, AP	14	Waterford

HELP WANTED:

NLPS HISTORIAN

YARDARM EDITOR

INSTRUCTORS TO TEACH CLASSES

(call Eleanor Mariani for more info—860 442-8007)



CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB LEETE FOR PASSING THE JN COURSE.

Way to go Bob!!!

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 21—see page 3

Change of Watch: April 17

Save the Dates!!!!

Spring is Coming!!!!

It is safe to get outside...

Come join us

The Pledge of the United States Power Squadrons:

I do solemnly pledge to:

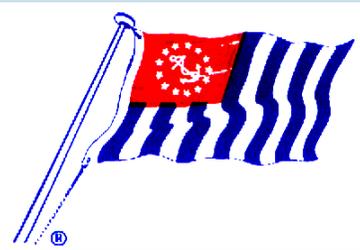
Abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons;

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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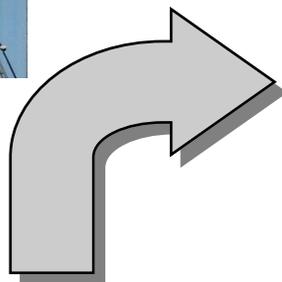
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ONLINE READERS

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