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# The Yardarm

## The Cdr's View

*Eleanor Mariani, AP*

Well the boats are out of the water, so it is time to turn to some other activities. I am really looking forward to attending the membership meeting at the Italian Club on November 21. John Robinson, AP, is teaching it. We had installment 1 last month. Who knew that some of the Digital Selective Calling VHF's are already going to be obsolete. Naturally, the one I have is one. John provided great information and kept the class fun. On the 21st we are going to get to practice making calls. All members are invited. Get in touch with Kim by

Thursday, the 17th. See page 5 for more details.

Defender's in Waterford—want us to teach some seminars on Saturdays. This is a great opportunity for us. Last month I printed the list of seminar topics. We are looking for people to help teach the seminars so if you have expertise in anchoring, using GPS, VHF, knots, weather or sail trim—contact me or Chris Jordan. It is a great way to reach out and help others and promises to be fun.

We have lots of things going on this winter . We plan to

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# CALENDAR NLPS, D1 and other Squadron Events

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## NLPS

- 21 Nov — Membership Meeting, Italian American Club, Groton;  
VHF seminar part 2 (see page 5)
- 12 Dec — Holiday Party at home of Ruth and MacDonald, Lisbon
- 9 Jan — Executive Board Meeting; location , home of Cmdr.
- 23 Jan — Membership Meeting, Italian American Club, Groton;  
Seminar—TBA
- 13 Feb — Executive Board Meeting; location , TBA
- 27 Feb — Membership Meeting, Italian American Club, Groton;  
Seminar—TBA
- 12 Mar — Executive Board Meeting; location , TBA
- 19 Mar — Membership Meeting, location/topic TBA
- 15 Apr — Change of Watch, , Groton; Save the Date

## District 1

- 19 Nov — D/1 Fall Conference, Pattaconk Yacht Club, Chester
- 17 Dec— Holiday Party –Pirate theme! Groton Inn and Suites,  
Groton \$30  
Dinner and Dancing 1800 cash bar 1900 dinner  
unwrapped toy for tots



## November Birthdays

Name	Town	Special DaY	Member Since
Barbara Dagney	Lebanon	23	2001
Mary Ferrell	Groton	15	1988
Lt/C Chris Jordan, AP	Dayville	17	1991
Joseph Jordan, S	East Lyme	12	1995
Fred Kilgus	Gales Ferry	19	2009
Lt/C Jon Peterson, AP	Waterford	18	1997
Shirley Wick, AP	Mystic	28	1995

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The Holiday's are coming.....

<http://shopusps.org>

## Visit the USPS Ship's Store...

Been wanting a hydrostatic inflatable life jacket? You can get one through the USPS store for \$175!!!! That is a bargain....they go for about \$250+

What is the benefit of a hydrostatic automatic inflatable? It automatically inflates by water pressure. At 4 inches under water, the CO<sub>2</sub> cartridge is activated. That means you don't have to worry about rain or spray activating your automatic inflatable.

They also have lots of other neat things!

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teach another seminar during our Jan 23 and Feb. 27 membership meetings—let me know what your interest is.

Our Squadron Education Officer is planning to teach two basic boating courses in the spring. Let him or me know what advanced grade or other course you are interested in. Your interest will help determine what class is offered next.

Join us for some partying in December!! We are having a pot luck at Ruth and Leo MacDonald's house in Lisbon on December 12. Then, District 1 is having a holiday party at Groton Inn and Suites. See

the December Yardarm for more info!!

Check out page 7— Spotlight is on long time member Jack Kurrus, SN, who has been a member for 45 years and earned 36 Merit Marks!!! Thanks, Jack, for all you have done for NLPS and all you continue to do. Jack is currently our Historian. And thank you personally for all the help you have given me as Commander— couldn't have done it without you. Jack also taught me engine mechanics so he's been lecturing me for some time now!!

I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving! May you enjoy it with lots of family and friends.



Please welcome our 2 newest members:

Barbara Dagney from Lebanon

Kenneth Maury from Norwich

# Membership Meetings for November VHF/Digital Selective Calling Seminar

**When?** Monday, November 21



**Where?:** Italian American Club,  
322 Mitchell Street Groton

## **What's Up?:**

1800 Cocktails

1830 Dinner

1915—1930 Business meeting

1930—2030 Instructor: P/C John Robinson

Hands on use of VHF and DSC

## **What's for dinner?:**

Cash Bar;

Salad, Pasta and Chicken Dinner

## **How much?:**

\$14 per person

## **How do I register?:**

Register with L/C Kim Boswell

by November 17th

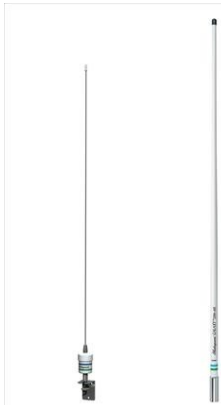
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Pay at the door

## ***AIS Antennas Help Boat Owners Monitor Traffic***

*When navigating shipping lanes and busy harbors, the ability to monitor speed and direction of other vessels is particularly important. Automatic Identification System (AIS) technology, originating from the shipping industry, has been a great help to recreational boaters in these areas.*

Shakespeare offers AIS antennas in various styles, specifically designed to meet the broader bandwidth requirements of popular AIS transceivers. The 4' Shakespeare Style 396-1-AIS features commercial-grade construction with brass and copper elements, a white, heavy-duty fiberglass radome, and an SO-239 connector at



(L to R): Shakespeare's 5215-AIS and 5396-AIS

the base. U-bolts are included for mast mounting. Another 4' fiberglass model, the Galaxy 5396-AIS, has a beautiful high-gloss polyurethane finish that won't turn yellow in the sun. Its durable construction includes brass and copper elements and a 1"-14 thread stainless steel ferrule. Shakespeare supplies 20' of RG-8/X cable and a PL-259 connector for easy installation.

From its famous Squatty Body series, the lightweight, low-profile 3' 5215-AIS has a stainless steel whip that sailboat owners have come to favor. Designed for masthead mounting with a supplied stainless L-bracket, this slim antenna has an SO-239 connector at the base. Its tin-plated, copper wire coil is sealed against the elements for superior performance.

Simple installation and compact size characterize the 5250-AIS Skinny Mini. This 3' stainless steel whip utilizes a chrome-plated brass canister, which minimizes the de-tuning associated with plastic canisters. The antenna comes with 15' of RG-58 cable and a PL-259 connector. A mount with a center-hole such as Shakespeare styles 4187 or 5187 is required.

*Courtesy of [Marinelink.com](http://Marinelink.com)*

# MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT:

## Jack Kurrus, SN



Jack punts and fills in for the cameraman that didn't show up when NLPS did a spot on Cable TV



Jack is given Historian Award in 2006

Jack joined NLPS in January 1966, but went to sea with the Navy in early 1968. In 1972 he became the Meeting/Entertainment Committee

Man. He recalls collecting \$5.00 for roast beef dinners at the Morton House in Niantic. Jack taught just about all our classes, including Piloting, Engine Maintenance, Weather, Cruise planning and Navigation. More recently he taught GPS. He completed his Full Certificate by 1996 with much help from Ken Barbour and Bernie Rogers. Jack was Squadron Commander in 1996 and 1997 and has served on the Executive Committee in one position or another ever since, retiring from active participation in late 2010 because of health issues.

According to Jack: "The best part is the wonderful people who are members of the Squadron and made all we do so much fun, I wouldn't trade a minute of this experience. And I'm not going away yet just slowing down a bit!"



Jack ran the District Sail Race for many years. Here he is spinning a story as he presents the award.



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