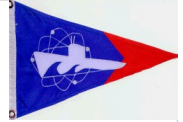


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The Cdr's View

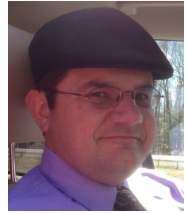
Mark Chanski, AP

Hello Shipmates,

The holidays are nearly upon us and that last trip on the water seems like a distant memory. I certainly hope that you have had a great boating season!

For the most of us, the boat is pack away and we are planning for the holiday season. I do not know about you but I have mixed emotions when I make my final voyage of the year. On one hand, it seems sad, knowing that you will not be doing something you enjoy for a while. On the other hand, it gives us time to enjoy other activities.

I know that we all of our schedules are jam packed



with things to do. But I also know that if there is an activity we find interesting, that will benefit us and is fun, we will make the time for it.

You don't need me to tell you, the membership of the US Power Squadron is down and New London is no exception! This isn't new news, in fact membership is down for a lot of volunteer organizations.

What I do want to tell you is that the Executive Committee and I not only want the New London Squadron to survive, we would like it to flourish! Things are changing in

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CALENDAR NLPS, D1 and other Squadron Events

www.newlondonpowersquadron.org

NLPS

- 17 Dec — Holiday Gathering
(see page 6)
- 28 Jan — Exec. Board Meeting, location TBA

District 1 and other

- 24–27 Jan — CMTA Boat Show, Connecticut Convention Center Hartford
- 8 Feb — District 1 Council Meeting
- 23 Mar — District Spring Conference



From the Executive Board

May you all have a peaceful Holiday Season
And a Happy, Healthy New Year



2012- 2013 Bridge of the NLPS

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Message from the Education Officer

P/C Chris Jordan



Greetings,

We will be putting together our winter/spring schedule. Let me know what classes you would be interested in. Also, we will try to teach some 2 hour seminars—so weigh in on what you want to see taught. Last year we taught VHF radio, Sail Trim and GPS. You can reach me at: pelagic104@sbcglobal.net

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the boating education business and this will give us new opportunities to grow.

However, I believe there are even more options and opportunities out there that would persuade you to join us for a couple of hours, an evening or even a day. I believe that if we could offer you a valuable, fun and enjoyable experience you would come.

We want to hear your craziest ideas how ever far fetched they might seem! Please feel free to contact me at any time. I can be reached at markctboating@gmail.com. Better yet, come to our Holiday get together and we will talk about them.

We will do our best to build it, if you will come!

Fair winds, following seas and Happy Holidays!

Mark



Cold Waters Move In; Boaters Step Up Safety

Fishing and Boating Safety Tips from BoatUS Foundation

ALEXANDRIA, Va., - It's hard being a boater in the fall and winter. Most of your friends on the water are gone, the days shorter, the waters colder. However, the lack of crowds or better wind in the sails is still appealing to many boaters, anglers and sailors, but safety must be stepped up, says the BoatUS Foundation for [Boating Safety](#) and Clean Water. What makes the risk go up and what can you do? Here's five ways you can easily get in trouble this time of the year.

- **Sunshine isn't your friend:** Don't let sunny days deceive you - while it may be T-shirt weather in the morning at the launch ramp or dock, weather can change quickly this time of year. Bring extra clothing to dress in layers and always bring foul weather gear.
- **Float your plan:** The fishing hole or raft-up spot crowds may be gone, but that also means your closest potential rescuers are also long gone. A simple sharing of your float plan with family members or friends letting them know where you're going and when you will be back could save valuable time in locating you if something happens.
- **Murphy likes you:** Does your boat have any lingering maintenance issues? This isn't the time of the year to find out. Ensure any problems - engine, fuel, charging systems, or safety issues such as navigation lights - are fixed before you go.

I've fallen and I can't get up: A simple fall overboard can kill this time of year. Hypothermia is a real threat. By wearing your life jacket, if you do find yourself accidentally over the side you will float and have time to get back aboard, preferably with a knotted or looped rope attached to the gunnel or ladder that be reached from the water. If you'd like to see just how hard it is to get back in a boat, go to www.BoatUS.com/foundation/boardingladders.

Don't leave without me: If you are alone and fall out, will the boat keep going? It won't run away if you had your engine cut-off lanyard attached to you or use another type of shutdown device.

**Remember: Paddlers and others in manually powered craft are required to WEAR life jackets
from Oct 1 to May 31**



New London Power Squadron Holiday Get Together!!

On the Waterfront

250 Pequot Avenue
New London

Monday, 17 December 2012
6pm

Come for a drink or come for dinner

Deadline for signing up — 12 December

Call Lt/C Kim Boswell

860 774-4048

860 933-9875 (cell)

kim.boswell08@gmail.com

By December 12 to register
Pay individually



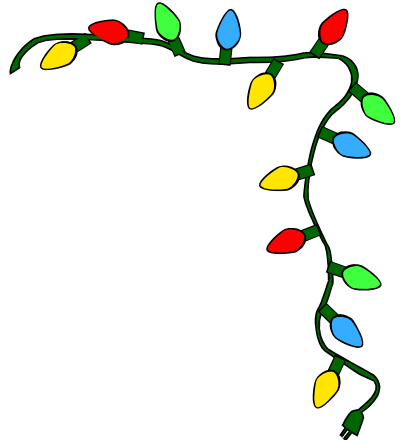
December Birthdays

Name	Town	Special Day	Member Since
Cmdr. Mark Chanski, P	Mystic	16	2008
Felicity Harley	Hebron	12	2007
Harrison Jewett, SN	New London	15	1988
Robert Johnson, AP	Mystic	18	1987
Eleanor Mariani, AP	Quaker Hill	08	1987
Greg Roth, JN	New London	01	1983
Albert Schober, AP	Uncasville	28	1989
Frank Skewes, JN	Niantic	31	1989

2013 Legislative Session

The legislative session starts Wednesday, January 9 this year and ends June 5, 2013. Because it is an "odd" year—the legislative session is a long one. In addition, individual legislators are allowed to put in proposed bills. By contrast, on even numbered years, all bills must come out of Committee.

To keep up on Connecticut legislation proposals go to www.cga.ct.gov.



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*Come Join us December 17 at
ON THE WATERFRONT to*

*Celebrate the Holidays!!
Meet Other Members
See page 6 for details*

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