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# The Yardarm

## The Cdr's View

*Eleanor Mariani, AP*

Happy New Year!!! After the ending of 2011 I am ready to usher in a new and healthy year. Pretty crazy weather this winter...if you can call it winter. Looking forward to the 50 degree weather forecast for this weekend. Just remember, if you do venture out to do some cold water boating - wear your life jacket. There was just a boating fatality on our local waters on the Niantic River. The seasoned boater that died was only 53. Apparently, while boating by himself, with the boat in neutral he fell out of the

boat, which got away from him in the stiff wind. We can only wonder if he had a life jacket on, if the outcome would have been different. My heart goes out to his family.

On a lighter note—we have hooked up with Defender and will be offering 4 seminars over the next few months. See inside for more details.

Take advantage of these 2 hour seminars to brush up on your skills or learn some new ones. The basic coastal navigation focuses on the use of GPS; Partners in Command is geared for crew members

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# **CALENDAR NLPS, D1 and other Squadron Events**

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## **NLPS**

- 9 Jan** — Executive Board Meeting; location , home of Cmdr.
- 14 Jan** — Seminar Series, Defender Industries, see pg. 6
- 23 Jan** — Membership Meeting, Italian American Club, Groton;  
Seminar, 6:30pm —see page 4
- 28 Jan** — Seminar Series, Defender Industries, see pg. 6
- 6 Feb** — Executive Board Meeting; location , TBA
- 18 Feb** — Seminar Series, Defender Industries, see pg. 6
- 10 Mar** — Seminar Series, Defender Industries, see pg. 6
- 12 Mar** — Executive Board Meeting; location , TBA
- 19 Mar** — Membership Meeting, location/topic TBA
- 15 Apr** — Change of Watch, Groton Inn and Suites

## **District 1 and Other Events**

- 26-29 Jan** — Connecticut Marine Trades Association Boat Show, Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford, CT
- 28 Jan** — Annual National Conference, Jacksonville, FL. See National website for more information
- 3 Feb** — D/1 Council Meeting, Berlin 6pm. See D1 website for more information

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*Hoping the New Year brings you  
Health  
Happiness  
Prosperity  
Lots of good boating!!*

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in the event they need to take command of the vessel in an emergency. It discusses how to get help and what you need to know to take over. The VHF/Digital Selective Calling is a great seminar that demonstrates what DSC is all about, which DSC radios are already obsolete and demonstrates the merits of DCS for other than emergencies. Sail Trim explains the dynamics of wind on the sails and how to get the most out of trimming the sails.

Defenders will offer some deals during the time, too, so come over to Waterford.

We are excited about the opportunity to partner with Defender. We are looking for instructors to help teach these seminars into the future, so come see what they are all about and see if you might like to lend your expertise. These seminars are

new for us- but two hours classes are hard to resist—both from teaching them and from taking them.

Please support NLPS and help us teach classes. Remember one of the purposes of our organization is to teach others to be better boaters. If you have been thinking about teaching—these two hour seminars are a great way. Each comes with an instructor manual and power point slides with descriptions. We are team teaching the seminars so it is easy, fun and interesting. Give Chris Jordan a call if you want to help out.

Join us for our membership meeting on Monday, January 23 at the Italian American Club in Groton. It should be a fun time—we're going to play games!! Test out your boating trivia and knowledge. There are some great prizes!!!!

# January Membership Meeting

## "Boating Jeopardy" - prizes!!

### Including VIP tickets to CMTA Boat Show

**When?** Monday, January 23



**Where?:** Italian American Club, 322 Mitchell Street  
Groton (park around back and enter down the back stairs)

### What's Up?:

1800 Cocktails (great prices!)

1830 Dinner

1915—1930 Business meeting

1930—2030 "Boating Jeopardy"—

Join us for some fun: test your boating knowledge, win some great prizes!!

### 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 Thursday, January 19th

kim.boswell08@gmail.com (860) 933-9875

# **USPS Seminars offered by NLPS Saturdays during the Winter at Defender's, Waterford, CT**



**January 14 — Coastal Navigation**

**January 28 — VHF-DSC**

**February 18 —Weather**

**March 10 — Sail Trim**

**All seminars run from 10am to noon.**

**Payment for courses is by cash or check  
Contact Mike Vega to sign up for these classes**

**[mvega@defender.com](mailto:mvega@defender.com)**

**860-701-3400 Ext 172**

**Lunch provided by Defender Industries for each course  
taught**

**[www.defender.com/warehouseoutletstore.jsp](http://www.defender.com/warehouseoutletstore.jsp)**

**Directions: 42 Great Neck Road, Waterford, CT**

I-95 North to exit 75 straight onto Post Road/Route 1 North. Follow Route 1 for 3.7 miles. Passing the U.S. Post Office and Silva's Package Store on the right, turn right at traffic light onto Avery Lane, go straight across the next intersection, where Avery Lane becomes Great Neck Road. Defender Industries headquarters and Warehouse Outlet Store are 1/2 mile on the left.

I-95 South to exit 81. Turn left at light onto Parkway North. At 2nd traffic light, turn left onto Cross Road. Follow Cross Road to 2nd traffic light, turn left on Post Road/Route 1. Follow Route 1 for 1.6 miles. Passing the U.S. Post Office and Silva's Package Store on the right. Take right then follow directions for I-95N.

## December Birthdays

Name	Town	Special Day	Member Since
Lt/C Mark Chanski, P	East Lyme	16	2008
Felicity Harley	Hebron	12	1988
Robert Johnson, AP	Mystic	18	1987
Cdr. Eleanor Mariani, AP	Quaker Hill	08	1987
Gregory Roth, JN	New London	01	1983
Albert Schober, AP	Uncasville	28	1989
Frank Skewes, JN	Niantic	31	1989
Robert Smith, AP	Wallingford	21	1967
William Stefanelli, AP	Mystic	17	1992

**Happy Belated Birthday!!!**

## January Birthdays

Name	Town	Special Day	Member Since
Lou Doboë, AP	Waterford	11	1998
Rosemarie Marone	N. Franklin	15	1998
Brett Sortor, AP	Mystic	25	1991
Suzanne Sortor	Mystic	22	2010

**Wow! Starting the year off right!**

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