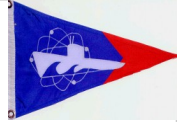




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The Yardarm

The Cdr's View

Eleanor Mariani, AP

Greetings,

Hope you are all weathering this mild winter well. It's the perfect time to take a seminar to hone your skills. The series at Defender is going great. Had some really interested students for the VHF/DSC class. On the 18th, the Weather class is being taught. Also, March 10 is the Sail Trim class. You still have time to sign up with Mike Vega at Defender. Two hours....come on...don't miss them.

We had a great time at the last membership meeting with the Jeopardy Game. Lots of laughs, searching of

brains and cheers for the right answers...plus some great prizes. We'll be doing that as a filler during our next Membership Meeting which is March 19. This is our annual meeting....so if you have been meaning to come to a meeting....come to this one. Vote in your officers and show support. Remember, the Squadron is only as good as its members, so come on out and have some fun. See page 4 for details.

My time as Commander is winding down. Join us on April 15 at the Groton Inn and Suites as we change the watch of the Bridge and Executive Board.

This summer is Tall Ships on July 6 -8. Stay tuned.

CALENDAR NLPS, D1 and other Squadron Events

www.newlondonpowersquadron.org

NLPS

- 18 Feb** — Seminar Series: Weather at Defender Industries
- 10 Mar** — Seminar Series: Sail Trim at Defender Industries
- 12 Mar** — Executive Board Meeting; location ,
home of Cmdr. Mariani
- 19 Mar** — Membership Meeting, Italian American Club, 6:30pm
(see page 4)
- 15 Apr** — Change of Watch, Groton Inn and Suites, 3pm
(see page 5)

District 1 and other

- 24 Mar**— D-1 Spring Conference
- 2 June**— D-1 Fishing Tournament— see page 3
- 22-24 June** — D/1 Rendezvous—Saybrook Point Inn & Spa Reserve slips one month in advance at 860-243-0212 Saturday activities: begin at 1000 includes flare demo, PFD demo, fire demo and knot demo. Lunch: light snack at noon ; D-1 Council mtg at 1300. Blessing of the fleet at 1430, commander's cocktail hour at 1500; dinner at 1600; a deal at \$7 adults, \$4 children. Members bring pot luck salads, beans , sides; hamburgers, hotdogs, fixings desserts, plates, etc. furnished.
- 14 July**— D-1 Sail Race, Branford Yacht Club, Branford
- 10-12 Aug**— D-1 Mini Cruise, Pilots's Point Marina, Westbrook
- 25 Aug**— D-1 Poker Run, Hamburg Cove Yacht Club

Defender seminars 10am to noon

42 Great Neck Road, Waterford, CT

Payment for courses is by cash or check

Contact Mike Vega to sign up for these classes

mvega@defender.com

860-701-3400 Ext 172

Lunch provided by Defender Industries for each seminar

2011- 2012 Bridge of the NLPS

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Save the date... June 2 D-1 Fishing Tournament



Run on the honor system. You will be able to fish anywhere on 2 June, take a picture with a ruler, and send it in. You can catch and release or keep the fish.

Headquarters will be at Pilot's Point Marina in westbrook with a cookout at 1700. Contact Chris Jordan by phone 860 908-0688 or e-mail pelagic104@sbcglobal.net to sign up and get more details!

March Annual Membership Meeting

When? Monday, March 19



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—1945 Business meeting /Election of Officer

1945—2000 "Boating Jeopardy"—

Join us for some fun: test your boating knowledge

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 Wednesday, March 14th

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

Pay at the door

Annual Change of Watch



When: Sunday, April 15

Where: Groton Inn and Suites,
99 Gold Star Highway, Groton

1500 Cocktails

1530 Dinner

1630 Change of Watch Ceremony

Choice of: STUFFED CHICKEN
BAKED SCROD, or
QUEEN PRIME RIB.

Includes RED BLISS POTATOES,
GRILLED SEASONAL VEGETABLES,
TOSSED SALAD, ROLLS,
COFFEE AND TEA
CHOCOLATE MOUSSE.

Cost:

\$34 per person

RSVP L/C Kim Boswell

MUST BE MADE by Saturday, April 7

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

Pay at the door (sorry for this one, a reservation made is a reservation paid)

It's tax time again...

By P/C Tony Salzarulo, JN

Whether you struggle through your own taxes, or engage a paid preparer to help you out, don't forget the Power Squadron when compiling your information to complete your 1040 filings this year. The New London Power Squadron, is a unit of the United States Power Squadron and is a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions made to the Power Squadron, locally or nationally qualify as a tax-deductible charitable contribution for those taxpayers who itemize deductions. Additionally, charitable contributions are not subject to the alternative minimum tax.

Your Power Squadron dues and uniforms are also deductible. Also, for those of you who travel to teach classes or participate in educational seminars, the mileage that you utilize your car for Power Squadron purposes is also deductible. For 2011, the charitable contribution mileage rate is 14 cents per mile. This would also be applicable to those of you who travel to executive board or district meetings. Out-of-pocket costs as they relate to Power Squadron activities are also deductible. I have attended two national meetings, one in Norfolk Virginia and the other in Detroit and I deducted the cost of those trips including airfare, hotel, and meals (subject to limitations).

You can't deduct expenditures where you're receiving goods and services in return. For example, if you enroll in the navigation course and purchase books and materials you cannot deduct the cost of those materials. Taxpayers also frequently ask me if their time is deductible. Unfortunately, your time spent is never deductible.

Freezing the Balls Off a Brass Monkey

By Lt/C Jon Peterson, AP

Years ago, during a really cold winter in Pittsburgh, the nighttime temperature dropped to twenty below zero and stayed below zero during daytime for a week. A Navy friend of mine commented: "Wow! This is cold enough to freeze the balls off of a brass monkey!"

Of course, I pictured homeowners looking at ruined lawn ornaments. In my heart, I thought it could only be a humorous expression said when it got cold, really cold, but, it was funny. Thirty years later, I came upon an article written by a Coast Guard captain. The title: "Cold Enough to freeze the Balls off a Brass Monkey". Well, the author explained that the early British warships store ready cannon ammo on deck, next to each gun. To prevent the cannon balls from rolling away, they were stowed on an egg crate-like platform and piled up forming a pyramid. The thing was made of brass, and was called a "monkey". If the ship sailed in cold winter weather, the brass would contract from the cold allowing the cannon balls to roll about the deck. Its not funny anymore, darn it.

February and March Birthdays

Name	Town	Special Day	Member Since
Mary Brodhead, S	Niantic	2/16	1991
Truxton Brodhead, P	Niantic	2/27	1985
William Gaynor, JN	Groton	2/20	1998
Dolores Loprinze, AP	Waterford	2/14	1982
Betsy DiCostanzo	Colchester	3/15	2008
Christopher Hall, S	Hebron	3/21	2007
Carlton Saari	Waterford	3/4	1987
Doreen Sharkey	Colchester	3/28	2007
Robert Tennant, Jr., S	Norwich	3/24	1988



New London Power Squadron, Inc

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 19, 2012. All candidates have agreed to serve their respective posts. Candidates marked with an (*) cannot be recommended by the nominating committee and must be nominated from the floor.

Office

Commander
 Executive Officer
 Educational Officer
 AP*
 Administrative Officer
 Secretary/Treasurer
 JN*
 Asst Educational Officer
 JN
 Asst. Secretary
 Asst Treasurer
 Executive Committee (1 yr)

P

Candidate

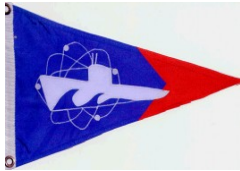
Lt/C Mark Chanski, P
 Vacant
 P/C Christopher Jordan,

 Lt/C Kim Boswell
 P/C Anthony J. Salzarulo,

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 Vacant
 Vacant
 P/C M Ellen Barbour, SN
 P/Lt/C Truxtun Brodhead,

 P/Lt/C H Lea Jewett, SN
 P/Lt/C Jon Peterson, AP



Auditing Committee	(3 yr)	P/C Henry F. Curtis, JN
	(2 yr)	Vacant
	(1 yr)	P/Lt/C Jon Peterson, AP
Nominating Committee	(3 yr)	P/Lt/C Kevin Murphy, AP
	(2 yr)	Cdr Eleanor Mariani, AP
	(1 yr)	Leo A MacDonald, P
Rules Committee	(3 yr)	P/C Christopher Jordan, AP
	(2 yr)	P/Lt/C/ H. Lea Jewett, SN
	(1 yr)	P/Lt/C Truxtun Brodhead, P
		P/C Bernard Baker, JN

As required by section 11.2 of the New London Power Squadron By-laws, the names of the candidates for Squadron Education Officer and Assistant Education Officer have been submitted and approved by the District Education Officer acting for the National Education Officer.

Submitted by your Nominating Committee:
 P/C Anthony J Salzarulo, JN; P/C Christopher Jordan, AP;
 Leo A. MacDonald, P

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