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The Cdr's View *Eleanor Mariani, AP*

Greetings,

You are cordially invited to attend the Change of Watch on April 15 to help welcome in the new Bridge and Executive Board. Sign up today!!

It has been a great experience serving as Commander for the last two years. In that time we solidly planted our feet into the shorter 2 hour seminars and are making way for teaching on the water. We hosted some great events that fulfilled our civic duty and provided for fun times. I want to thank my Bridge and the Executive Board for some great meetings, discussions and camaraderie. I plan to continue to offer my home for the summer lobster fest, so join us!!!!!!

There are excellent courses being taught, we are reaching out and teaching others and we are putting on some great parties. I wish that I had been able to generate more enthusiasm for our events (and District events) for current members—we encourage your participation at any and all levels.

> I recently attended a re-(Continued on page 2)

CALENDAR NLPS, D1 and other Squadron

Events www.newlondonpowersquadron.org

NLPS

15 Apr — Change of Watch, Groton Inn and Suites, 3pm (see page 5)

District 1 and other

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, Branford10-12 Aug—D-1 Mini Cruise, Pilots's Point Marina, Westbrook25 Aug—D-1 Poker Run, Hamburg Cove Yacht Club

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certification class put on at the District 1 level that was terrific. Les Williams did a great job of conveying ways to make teaching easy and fun. We need instructors so if you are interested—please contact Chris Jordan.

Also, if you have an article for the Yardarm or an item to sell, send it to me—it is fun to get the expertise or insight of our members!!

Thanks for allowing me to be your Commander. Hope to see you at a membership meeting or other NLPS or District event.

Have a great boating summer and remember to wear your life jacket when you are out on the water!!

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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!

ALTERNATE METHOD OF USING THE TRIP LINE OF AN ANCHOR

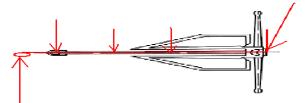
How many anchors have we lost because they get hung up and we either break or cut the line. Some of us have used trip lines, an additional line that attaches to the bottom of the anchor, ughh more line to handle. I'd like to thank Captain Glen Gordon of the head fishing vessel "Gee Gee" for not letting me lose any more anchors.

Attached is a diagram of the way he showed me to hook up my anchor which was a Danforth but will work on any anchor with an eyelet at the bottom for a trip line. Basically it contains the following steps;

- 1. Attach a line via eye splice and shackle through the hole for the trip line.
- 2. Carefully lead the line from the eye over the stock and fastening it with monofilament line, 15 lb test in my case.
- 3. When you have carefully aligned the line over the stock and come to the eye on the stock wrap about 10 wraps.
- 4. At the end, make an eye splice with a thimble.
- 5. Attach the chain or line from the vessel to the eye splice

When the anchor hangs up, bring the line up tight and attach it to a cleat or bollard, run up on it and you'll pull the anchor out back ward.

Below is a diagram, I hope.



Respectfully submitted, P/C John R. Robinson, AP

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) Obituaries

NLPS wishes to bid farewell to two long-time members

W. Frederic Wilson Oct. 28, 1944– June 30, 2011

W. Frederic Wilson, 66, of Stonington, beloved husband of 38 years to Sonya (Wickman) Wilson passed away Thursday, June 30 at L&M Hospital in New London surrounded by family and friends. Fred owned and operated Dockside Electronics for the past 39 years. Fred was a member of the Groton Sportsmen's Club, an Ea-



gle Scout and was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He was a member of NLPS for 39 years.

In addition to his wife, he leaves 2 children a a sister. David Wilson of New York, Julia Cooper and his sister Nelsa Philbrick of Amherst, NH.

Donations in his memory may be made to Grace Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, 102 Providence New London Tkpe, North Stonington, CT 06359 or Camp Berea, 68 Berea Road, Hebron, NH 03241.



John "Jack" Weinberg Sept. 12, 1937 – Feb 22, 2012

John E. "Jack" Weinberg, 74, of Waterford, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at home. He was born in Montville, the son of John E. Shea and Emma Barre. A graduate of New London High School, he served in the U.S. Army, and was retired from the New London Police Department where he was employed for 32 years. He retired with the rank of sergeant. Mr. Weinberg was very

involved in community affairs. He was dockmaster for 25 years at City Pier in New London. He was a 32 degree Mason, belonging to the Brainard Lodge 102 Free and Accepted Masons. He was a past district commander of the US Power Squadron (District 1). His wife, Elizabeth Francis Weinberg survives him. He is survived by a son, John E. Weinberg Jr. of Newport, R.I.; three daughters, Bonnie L. Taveres of Daytona Beach, Fla., Connie G. Marsden of Palm Bay, Fla., Cindy Lou McGrath of Old Lyme; a step-son, Robert M. Tynan of Waterford; a brother, Christie L. Weinberg of Montville; a sister, Pamela Lee Uthoff, of Guilford. He has nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Grace (Swinyer) Weinberg.

Legislation—Proposed for 2012

This is an even year which means all proposed bills must come out of a committee. Most boating bills are first heard in the Environment



Committee, although bills can also be submitted through Judiciary or Public Safety. There are a few bills this year that are of interest to boaters.

- Raised Bill 5257 would remove exemption from needing a Safe Boating Certificate enjoyed by Connecticut residents that rented vessels other than personal watercraft for 14 days or less.
- Raised Bill 5259 would make it illegal to transport zebra mussels and other aquatic invasives (as determined by the Commissioner) on boat trailers or boats.
- Raised Bill 418 would require all registered vessels beginning model year 2016 to be titled. Vessels coming in from other states and documented vessels receiving numbers would begin to be titled in 2015.

For more information go to www.cga.ct.gov and put in the bill numbers

| April Birthdays | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|--|--|
| Name | Town | Special | Member | | |
| | | Day | Since | | |
| Ellen Barbour, SN | Mystic | 24 | 1983 | | |
| Frank DiCostanzo | Colchester | 20 | 2008 | | |
| Megan DiCostanzo | Colchester | 14 | 2008 | | |
| Sandy Doboe, AP | Waterford | 30 | 1998 | | |
| Richard Fraser, S | New London | 14 | 1978 | | |
| Robert Leete, JN | Guilford | 22 | 1982 | | |
| Rodney Rupert, AP | Port St. Lucie, FL | 1 | 1992 | | |
| Kevin Simmons | Waterford | 8 | 2000 | | |



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