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The Cdr's View

Chris Jordan, AP



Greeting Everyone,

The time has finally come for me to write last message as your Commander. This year has been very special for me, and I will always be very grateful for the opportunity to serve the Squadron as Commander. For me, the year just flew by, and it was a pretty exciting ride. We accomplished a lot, had a lot of fun along the way, and brought in a few new members.

I'm still convinced that there has never been a better time to be part of USPS. Membership may not be exactly what want it to be, but we are about so much more than growing membership. We still perform an invaluable service to the public. People still ask us when our flare demo's will be, and people still ask us for a Vessel Safety Exam. Most important of all, our young adults, in particular the Sea Scouts still ask us when our next Boating Class will be and ask if we can help teach skills that are essential to there SEAL training program. We must never forget that there are many people that we served over the years and have helped them to enhance their total boating experience. Because of that, all of our sacrifices of time, effort, energy and money have been well worth it.

The way I see it, I owe the Squadron a lot. This has been one of the most productive, satisfying and grateful years I have had in my life in a very long time. I owe NLPS a very big thank you for that. In serving the Squadron, I gave as much and as best as I could and still ended up receiving so much more than I put in. I don't think that I have ever been grateful to be a

Member of a more worthy organization.

I'm now looking forward to new and exciting opportunities to serve the Squadron. I am very excited to be serving as your next SEO. This will be a challenge to be sure but the rewards are immense. You see, the ocean is more than a hobby for me, it is my shaman and it has been so good to me for my whole life. Any opportunity I find to give back, especially in the form of teaching, I find immensely rewarding. Plus I occasionally meet new people that I get to go fishing with who love it as much as I do.

There are many opportunities in USPS to receive more than you give. You don't have to look far. However, one job in the Squadron that will give you the most satisfaction is the one that **you** find the most satisfying. Just ask any of dedicated Bridge or Committee members, there is a reason they serve year after year.

Thanks you again for a very rewarding year and an experience of a lifetime. I'll see you in class!

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Chris Jordan

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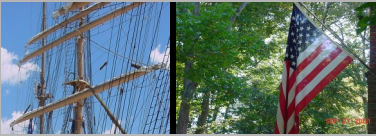


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CALENDAR

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NLPS Events

17 March— Executive Committee Meeting at Cdr Mariani's Home @ 1900

Other Events

25 June---- D-1 Rendezvous @ Essex Island Marina. Call Squadron Cdr for Tickets (860)442-8007 See page 3 for details.

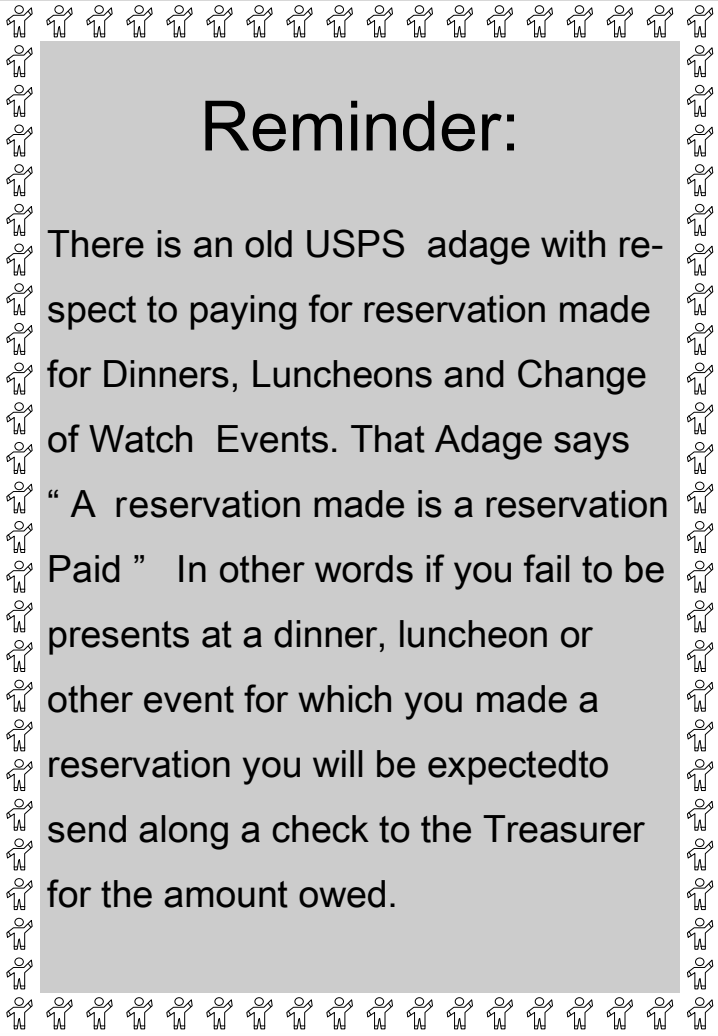
16-18 July---- D-1 Renedezvous @ Shelter Island . See details on page 3.

14 August----D-1 Sail Race @ Westbrook CT. See page 3 for details.

11 September---- 8th Annual D-1 Raft Up, Poker Run and Cookout @ Hamburg Cove. See page 5 for details

Reminder:

There is an old USPS adage with respect to paying for reservation made for Dinners, Luncheons and Change of Watch Events. That Adage says " A reservation made is a reservation Paid " In other words if you fail to be presents at a dinner, luncheon or other event for which you made a reservation you will be expected to send along a check to the Treasurer for the amount owed.





SEO News

Chris Jordan AP,

Just a quick note to let you all know that the second Spring Boating Course got underway on Wednesday 5 May at the Waterford Police Station with 10 students participating.

This may seem like a small class to some but actually it is significantly better than a few of the classes in the recent past. Maybe things are picking upstay tuned !

D-1 RENDEZVOUS

Essex Island Marina

Friday 25 June to Sunday 27 June

Hosted By New haven P.S.

Dockage \$3.50/ft (25 Ft min.) Make docking arrangements directly with Essex Island Marina by 18 June 2010. Please contact Marina at 860-767-1267 and state that you are a member of D-1 USPS.

Events:

Friday, 25 June 1900 Pot Luck Supper on the deck.

Saturday 26 June

- 0800 - Continental Breakfast
- 0900- Children's activities; poster contest
- 1030- PFD demo at pool
- 1130- Flare demo.
- 1300- D/1 Council Meeting on deck, hosted by Middletown
- 1500 Poster contest Judging
- 1700 Cookout

Advance tickets are available from the Sqdr Cdr,

\$10.00 Adult, \$5.00 Children under 12

Sunday 27 June

0800 Pancake breakfast in the Pavillion

2010 District 1 Rendezvous At Shelter Island

Dates: 16, 17, & 18 July 2010

Place: Coecles Harbor & Marina, 18 Hudson Ave, Shelter Harbor, NY 11946

Cost: \$3.50/ Ft/night dockage, \$1.50/ft/night Mooring. Electric Cars & bicycles for rent. Courtesy Van service available.

Time: Friday 1730 - Cocktails, Dinner on your Own.

Saturday- Breakfast in picnic area

Pancakes And Coffee

Supplied by D-1

1700 Cocktails

1830 Summer Cookout

Bring your own meat

Salad supplied by D-1

Cost \$5.00

Sunday- Cruise Home.

Make your own reservations with Nancy of Coecles Harbor & Marina. (Ph) 631-749-0700 (F) 631-749-0593. Notify her that you are with USPS D/1.

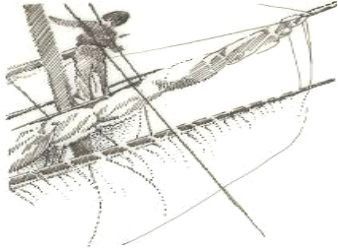
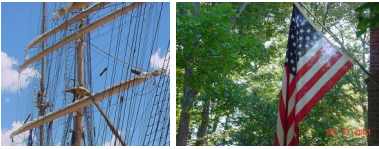
Note to all this is a late notice having just been received and you may find Reservations are



D-1 SAIL RACE

14 AUGUST 2010

This Sail Race will take place at in Duck Island Rhoades, off Westbrook. There will be a cook-out following this event at Pilot's Point Marina in Westbrook. Everyone is invited. Come by land or by sea. D-1 is supplying the hot dogs & hamburgers, participants are requested to bring a side dish to share. Cost is \$10.00 /person. Contact Chris Jordan for applications forms @860-908-0688



Looking Back

OVER THE YARDARM



25 YEARS AGO

April /May 1985

In the April 1985 issue of the Yardarm was an interesting article on Boating Safety by Carl Josephson, AP the Squadron Safety Officer.

Boating Safety

Have you looked at your marine distress signals lately? Are they in good shape? If you are like me, you may be in bad shape. Upon reading an article having to do with flares in the December 1984 issue of Soundings, I took a look at the contents of my trusty Olin Alert/ Locate Kit. Much to my chagrin, I learned that the "Hand Held Red Flares" were stamped with an expiration date of June 1984 and the "12 Gauge Red Meteors" carry a date of June 1985. Certainly we should have the proper signals aboard and you can be sure the Safety Officer of your Squadron will replace his at once.

If your concerned about disposal of you Pyrotechnics, The Olin Corporation advises keeping the signals for an additional three years after the original expiration date. They can be used as extra signals along with current dated signals. Olin also tells us that depending on storage conditions the probability is good that they will still function after the original expiration date.

When you need to use them is no time to wonder which are current and which have expired, and I recommend storing them separately.

If you do not want to keep the expired signals, please remember that these are classified as Type C explosive, so don't just put them out for trash collection.

Check with your local Police Department, Fire Marshall , Coast Guard Station or Marine Supplier.

You may elect to follow the instructions published by Olin Corp. that comes with the Olin Alert/Locate Kits available at most Marine Supply Stores.

Displays of fresh signals at your favorite Marine supplier, and I'm sure you will hear more about this subject as we get closer to the boating season.

Check now while you are preparing to order your gear and let's be **BE SAFE ALL WAYS.**

The May issue of the Yardarm Lists several people listed as "Proposed for Membership" by Bernie Rogers. Of the thirteen people listed only one remains an active member and that's non other than **Truxtun E. Brodhead, P**, Congratulations Trux on completing 25 Years of service to NLPS.

50 YEARS AGO

April/May 1960

*The May 1960 issue of the Yardarm was a real eye opener, it took three pages to list all the Bridge and committee members. There were **13** standing committees with five members, sort of hard to grab hold when compared to current conditions.*

A notice from the Alpha mates newly elected president Genevieve Mitchell.

NOTICE

Special Message:

We are very privileged to have the illustrious Dr. Garabed K. Daghljan, Professor emeritus of Physics and Astronomy. I was fortunate to have been a student in a Meteorology class he taught. When my husband, Nolan, was asked to substitute for the program chairman this month, Dr. Daghljan was top on the list. Dr Daghljan was born in Turkey. He was graduated from Central Turkey collage at Aintab (now Gazi-Antep) and returned there to teach after graduate

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DISTRICT 1 PRESENTS



September 11, 2010

Come join us by boat or car

Rain date: Sunday 12 September

Raft- up Location: Hamburg Cove

Want to raft up and relax?

Join us Friday evening or Saturday morning for the raft up. Look for the USPS Ensign Flying! Stay for a day or the weekend. Don't have a boat but want to spend time on one? We'll dinghy you out to the raft up.

Want to join the Poker Run?

Poker Run Location: Pre-selected Hamburg Cove and Connecticut River locations.

Entry Fee: **\$3.00**

Registration: 1000-1045

Start Time: 1100

What is a Poker Run?

April/May Birthdays



April

<u>Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Town</u>
Rodney Rupert	01	South Casco
Kevin B. Simmons	08	Waterford
Richard A. Frazer	14	New London
Megan DiCostanzo	14	Colchester
Frank J. DiCostanzo	20	Colchester
Robert B. Leete	22	Guilford
Ellen Barbour	24	Mystic
Sandy L. Doboie	30	Waterford

May

Andrew DiCostanzo	02	Colchester
Michael C. Blum	02	Farmington
Jack Kurrus	08	Mystic
Thomas J. Clay	25	Groton

**Happy Birthday to you!!!!
May 2010 be the best year yet!!**

(Poker Run , Raft up , Cookout Continued)

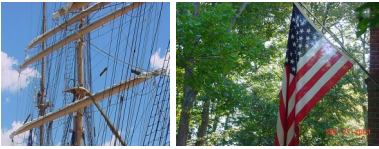
A poker run is an organized event where the objective is to obtain the best Poker "hand." A Poker run is not a race. It's a game of chance. The winner with the best "hand" will win the Grand Prize. Winners will be determined and prizes will be awarded at the cookout.

Your boat will be your dinghy, sunfish, canoe, kayak or other tender. Remember only one entrant will be allowed per dinghy.

Cookout: Hamburg Cove Yacht Club 1530

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Bring your own salad

Cost: \$10.00 per person.



Ahoy Shipmates an important announcement !

-- ALLIANCE FOR --

SAFE NAVIGATION

What is the Alliance for Safe Navigation?

The Alliance for Safe navigation consists of industry leaders that all share a commitment to boating safety. The goal of the alliance is to raise the boating community's understanding of and appreciation for up -to -date navigational information. The alliance encourages mariners to recognize the high number of changes made to their charts and to keep their electronic and paper charts accurate, which is inexpensive and easy. The alliance is made up of BoatU.S., Jeppesen Marine, Ocean Graphix, the Sea Tow Foundation for Boating Safety and Education, and the United States Power Squadron.

What Is Our Purpose?

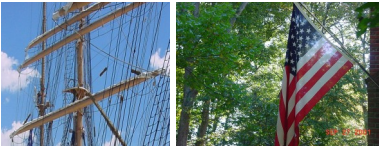
Our intent is to educate the boating community by advocating the following key messages:

- ◆ Mariners with up-to-date navigational charts- paper or electronic - are safer than those without
- ◆ Most mariners are unaware of the high number of changes made to charts
- ◆ Mariners may not be aware that their electronic and paper charts may become outdated when cartographic changes occur
- ◆ Keeping electronic and paper charts updated is inexpensive and easy

Who are Our Members?

The members of the alliance include:

- ◆ Ocean Graphix - a producer of print on demand nautical charts
- ◆ Jeppesen Marine - a manufacturer of electronic charts and navigational data solutions
- ◆ BoatU.S. (Boat Owners Association of The United States) -the nations largest association for recreational boaters with government representation, safety programs and services such as insurance, towing and consumer protection
- ◆ Sea Tow Foundation for Boating Safety & Education - a not - for - profit organization that aims to reduce the number of boating accidents and fatalities that occur each year
- ◆ USPS (United States Power Squadron) - member of the boating community who believe in safe boating through education, civic service and and having fun on the water.



Rules to Live By

By Jack Kurrus, SN



In this issue we are still looking at the Rules of the Nautical Road in Subpart C, Lights and Shapes. Our discussion continues with Rule 26, Fishing Vessels. With all the commercial fishing boat traffic here at the Eastern end of Long Island Sound we have good reason to pay close attention to the requirements of this Rule.

Rule 26 Definitions

Note: Most parts of International Rule 26 are the same as Inland Rule 26, In those instances where the Inland Rule varies from the International Rule the Additional requirements of the Inland Rule will be included in bold Italics.

(a) A Vessel engaged in fishing, whether underway or at anchor shall exhibit only the lights and shapes prescribed in this Rule.

(b) A vessel engaged in Trawling, by which is meant the dragging through the water of a dredge net or other apparatus used as used as a fishing appliance, shall exhibit:

(i) two all around lights in vertical line, the upper green and the lower white, or a shape consisting of two cones with their apexes together in a vertical line one above the other; **a vessel of less than 20 meters in length may instead of this shape exhibit a basket**

(ii) a masthead light abaft of and higher than the all around green light; a vessel of less than 50 meters in length shall not be obliged to exhibit such a light but may do so. And

(iii) when making way thru the water, in addition to the lights prescribed in this paragraph, sidelights and a sternlight.

(c) A vessel engaged in fishing, other than trawling, shall exhibit:

(i) two all around lights in a vertical line, the

upper being red and the lower white, or a shape consisting of two cones with apex together in a vertical line one above the other; **a vessel of less than 20 meters in length may instead of this shape exhibit a basket;**

(ii) when there is outlying gear extending more than 150 meters horizontally from the vessel, an all around white light or cone apex upward in the direction of the gear, and

(iii) when making way through the water, in addition to the lights prescribed in this paragraph, sidelights and a sternlight.

(d) A vessel engaged in fishing in close proximity to other vessels engaged in fishing may exhibit the additional signals described in Annex II to these Rules.

(e) A vessel when not engaged in fishing shall not exhibit the lights or shapes prescribed in this Rule, but only those prescribed for a vessel of her length.

Note: Sources for this article were:

(a) Handbook of the Nautical Rules of the Road – Llana & Wisnesky

(b) Farwell’s Rules of the Nautical Road – Craig H. Allen

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work at Columbia University where he received his degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1911. During the great massacre and deportation of Armenians by Turks in 1915. He and Mrs Daghlian and their young son reached Aleppo in Syria where they remained for several years. Dr Daghlian was Director during that time of the Aleppo Armenian Relief School sponsored by the British Expeditionary Forces. In 1920 he came to America and in January 1921 was appointed to Connecticut College faculty, serving until his retirement in 1947. Known as the College’s most distinguished teacher, I’m sure your looking forward to hearing him.

Genevieve Mitchell

Alpha Mates, President



The Pledge of the United States Power Squadrons:

I do solemnly pledge to:

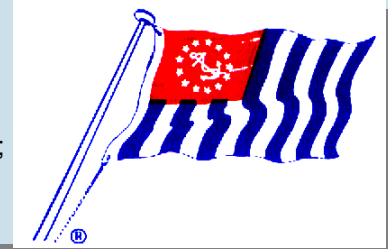
Abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons;

Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship;

Maintain my boat and operate it legally;

Render assistance

whenever possible; and
Conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor, and respect to the United States Power Squadrons.



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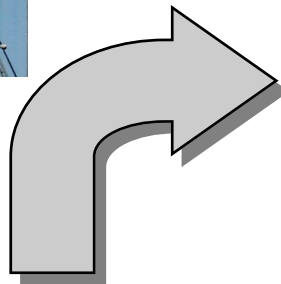
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