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The Cdr's View

Tony Salzarulo



This past June the Squadron held its anticipated safety days at Burr's Marina, Crocker's Boatyard and Spicer's Marina. The weather was generally good for all three events and the turnout was very good for the Spicer's event but modest for Burr's and Crocker's. In all three of these events the Squadron utilized the new table and floor displays provided by Boat/U.S. Foundation and gave away the T-shirts purchased with that same grant.

Together with the Sea Scout's, our vessel safety examiners performed boat checks on many vessels. (At Spicer's our examiners could not keep up with demand!) We handed out literature, talked about Squadron courses and seminars, and emphasized the need to always wear your personal flotation device. Squadron members who participated in these events besides myself included Ellen Barbour, Lea Jewett, Trux Brodhead, Greg Roth, Daneen Roth, Eleanor Mariani, and Jon Peterson. Other squadron members participated in the activities leading up to these events. I wish to thank Skipper Marshall Parsons and his Sea Scouts and all others who were involved.

Were these events successful? I guess

that depends on how you measure success. I wish I could tell you that these events yielded scores of new members and new students. I can't. However, I can tell you that we talked to many interested people about the Squadron and courses we teach. We tried to drive people to the website. We have had results. Yet, it's hard to tell where these results are coming from. Safety days? Boating Class? Website? Since my last article in the June/July Yardarm we have three new active members and four new family members. It looks like we have enough membership interest to put together a Seamanship and Piloting class for the fall, we picked up a new JN student and I still have ongoing discussions with several potential members and students. Did we hit a grand slam home-run? No. But I think we are having a successful inning. It's like a Johnny Appleseed thing, we are planting seeds - maybe some will grow.

On another matter, I'm happy to report that Squadron membership remained fairly constant this dues cycle. We did have some non-renewals but when taken together with our new members the Squadron shrunk only 2% as of this writing. Another Squadron in our District has reported a

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CALENDAR

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NLPS Events

15 Sep . — Executive Board Meeting, at home of Eleanor Mariani, 7pm
(see page 7 for details)

22 Sep . — Fall Membership Meeting, Seahorse Restaurant, 65 Marsh Road, Noank, 6pm
(see page 5 for details)

27 Sep . — Trip to visit Ledge Lighthouse
(see adjacent column)

D1 Events

13 Sep — Poker Run, Hamburg Cove, 1100.
(see page 4)

25 Sep — Fall Conference, Marriott, Shelton, Save the date check "The Sounds of 1".

Directions to Project Oceanology:

From 95N
Take Exit 85 toward Thames Street
Merge onto Bridge Street, Bridge Street turns slightly left and becomes Thames Street.
Slight right at Eastern Point Road
Slight left at Shennecossett Road



NLPS has partnered with New Haven PS to ...
Tour New London Ledge Lighthouse
(Built 1909)

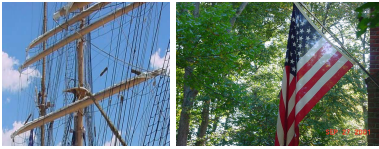
WHEN: *Saturday, September 27*
Social hour: 1500 (3pm)
Cruise departs: 1600
Cruise returns : 1836 for sunset

WHERE: *Project Oceanology , 1084 Shennecossett Road (just past Avery Point Campus of UCONN)*

HOW MUCH: *\$26 adults; \$18 children 6-12 (no one under 6 for safety reasons)*

TELL ME MORE: *End of d of Year Social with New Haven and Milford PS—price includes sandwiches and soft drinks. Lighthouse is not handicap accessible.*

REGISTER BY 9/17: *For more info and reservations contact: Lt/C Richard Hackley, Admin Officer, at (203) 315-0135. Please mail checks, payable to NHPS to Richard Hackley, 15 Hickory Hill Lane, Branford, Ct. 06405.*



Boating Class Update

By Lea Jewett, SEO



- ◆ The latest Boating class at Mason's Island Yacht Club recently concluded. Nine out of 10 passed. Thank you to all of the instructors and proctors for their help in putting on the two courses this summer. They are Ellen Barbour, Chris Wick, Jack Kurrus, Kevin Murphy, Mark Gelinas, Brae Rafferty, Virginia Dimmock and our commander Tony Salzarulo. I would also like to thank Mason's Island Yacht Club for the use of their facilities.
- ◆ JN will be starting up on September 10 at Waterford Police Dept.
- ◆ With the recent admission of some new members I am hoping to get a Seamanship class started this fall . *I am looking for someone to teach Seamanship.*
- ◆ Piloting is tentatively scheduled for Feb 2009.
- ◆ The next Public Boating Course will be starting in late January/ early February 2009.
- ◆ Advanced Piloting is tentatively scheduled for September 2009.
- ◆ If there is interest in Cruise Planning it will be offered in the spring. Let me know if you want this course offered.
- ◆ Congratulations to those that passed Module 3 of Marine Electronics. They qualified for the DEP's Coastal Boater Endorsement Decal. They are Antony Salzarulo, Richard Fraser, Eleanor Mariani, Dom DeGaetano and Gregory Roth.
- ◆ Thank you to new member, Mark Chanski and Eleanor Mariani for teaching the Sail Trim Seminar. Also a hearty thank you to Jon Peterson for teaching the Boat Handling Under Power Seminar.

Welcome Aboard!

The NLPS is pleased to welcome the following new members!!

Patricia Birdseye, Groton
Mark Chanski, East Lyme
Frank DiCostanzo, Colchester
Betsy DiCostanzo, Colchester
Megan DiCostanzo, Colchester
Philip Shaughnessey, Groton

AN INVITATION FROM
 the Hartford Power Squadron
Canoe Trip - Saturday, September 20

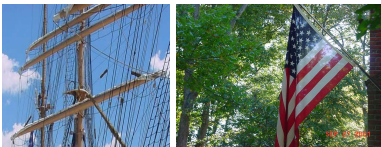
Come and enjoy a quiet water 2 hour canoe trip on the Farmington River, followed by a picnic.

Cost for members is \$35 per canoe. (This is a discounted price. Regular Prices start at \$55 per canoe.)Canoes provided by Huck Finn Adventures, www.huckfinnadventures.com

Meet at 12:30 at Curtis Park, Simsbury. We will be transported to our starting point. Directions: From Route 10/202 in Simsbury, go north to Route 315. Right on Route 315. Curtis Park is on the left after crossing the river.

Pack some drinks and snacks for in the canoe, and wear shoes or sandals you do not mind getting wet. Also, please bring a picnic item (salad, chips, dessert) to share afterwards.

Call Dick Carlson (860-242-8187) to reserve a Canoe. Reservations Required!



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decrease in 33% of its membership this dues cycle. Ouch!

On yet another matter, I plan on attending the Governing Board meeting to be held in Detroit, Michigan September 6, 2008. This will be my second USPS national meeting. If any of you have any issues that you would like addressed to any of the folks at National, please let me know and I will try to get answers to your questions.

And lastly, I hope everybody is having a wonderful summer and boating season. My bride and I have spent a lot of time on the water this year, but unfortunately, never made it out to Montauk to join the Meriden Squadron for their extended cruise. I have been told that the District rendezvous and the extended cruise were very successful and everyone had a good time.

I wish you and your family the best and stay safe on the water!

Tony

ANNUAL D/1 DINGY POKER RUN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

HAMBURG COVE YACHT CLUB



You don't even need a boat to enjoy this fun day at the end of summer. Boaters will be rafted up in the cove. If coming by vehicle, you can be brought out to the "raft" and join in the "Poker Run" at 1100 followed by a picnic around 1530.

Contact Joe Fernandes for further information at (860) 276-9407 or jfernandes8@cox.net.

Happy Birthday!



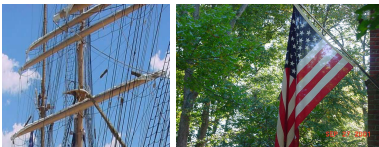
August

Name	Town	Day
David Ferrell, AP	Groton	1

September

Edmund Cleary	Niantic	17
Domenick DeGaetano	Niantic	16
Alexandra Hall	Hebron	29
Ruth MacDonald, S	Lisbon	8
Ron Murallo, S	Quaker Hill	20
Todd Nechamen, S	Salem	25
Nick Orobello, S	East Lyme	22
Daneen Roth, P	New London	17

Good News for Boaters: Congress passed the bill that extended a waiver to recreational boats regarding the requirement to permit discharge incidental to the operation of boats. For those following the issue, EPA will NOT be requiring discharge permits for all boats!!



NLPS Fall Membership Meeting!!

When: Monday, September 22nd

6:00 pm cocktails

6:30 pm dinner

Speaker to follow dinner

Where: Seahorse Restaurant, 65 Marsh Road, Noank

What's to Eat?: Great Food!!! From a large menu. Choices include fresh fish, steaks, chicken, mushroom ravioli and more. Prices range from \$14.95 to \$19.95 plus tax and tip.

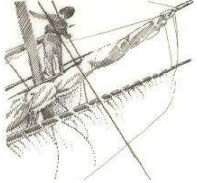
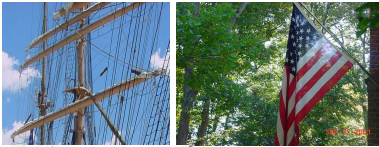
Guest Speaker: Erik Klockars **"Come Hell or High Water!"**

Don't miss this opportunity to hear first hand about the tragedy in Belize that happened ten years ago. Erik Klockars met the crew of the trimaran *Ocean Gypsy*, that hailed from Niantic, in Florida on what was to be the trip of a lifetime. What they didn't know was that the biggest storm to hit the Caribbean in 500 years would challenge everything they knew.



Reservations: Contact Trux Brodhead 460-5081 by Wednesday, September 17 to let him know how many in your party. Payment for dinner will be made directly to your server.

Directions: I-95N, Exit 88 from 95N, take right onto CT-117, Left at Fort Hill Road (US-1); Right onto CT-215 top of Fort Hill; Left onto Marsh Road (about 2 miles), Seahorse on Right.



Looking Back

Jack Kurrus, SN

OVER THE YARDARM



25 YEARS AGO

August 1983 *The venerable Dave S. Ferrell was Sqd. Cdr and remarked in his column about the wonderful weather that had prevailed all summer long and hoping that weather pattern would remain for the last big event of the summer, the annual D-1 rendezvous at Coecles Harbor. On page eleven of this issue was the announcement of the Tri-Squadron Predicted Log contest. This contest is long gone, not having been held for well over fourteen years. Even the District Predicted log hasn't been held in a few years. But the Predicted log was always great fun for all participants.*

TRI-SQUADRON PREDICTED LOG

The annual Tri-Squadron Predicted Log Contest between New London, Norwich and Westerly Squadrons will be Saturday, August 20 (please note the wrong date in last month's Yardarm). All members are urged to join in this fun event to test your skills in estimating force of currents and coastal navigation.

This year a new rule is being used - there is NO restriction on running practice legs before the event in order to make one more familiar with the course. Start and finish will be at Pine Island Shoal Lighted Buoy R "2." Boats will assemble at the Committee Boat, the Valencia L near the starting point not later than 1000. There will be a meeting of skippers and observers at 620 Noank Road, Mystic, Tuesday night, August 16 at 1930.

Last year New London won the first three places. Let's do it again. The course, and entry forms are available from Marland Shoemaker.

50 YEARS AGO

AUGUST 1958 *Regrettably the August 1958 issue of the Yardarm is among the missing in the Squadron Archives.*

50 YEARS AGO

September 1958 *Having just completed and conducted the 2008 D-1 sail Race with two boats entered you may be able to imagine how envious I was to read the four page article on the D-1 Sail Race and Predicted Log contest. Some excerpts as follows:*

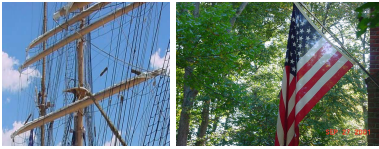
The Windezvous on Friday evening brought together skippers and crews at the Tradewinds Restaurant where amid festive atmosphere and informal dinner was enjoyed, followed by chart work, question periods, assignment of numbers and general introductions. The Windezvous, standing alone, was an event in itself and merits future continuance.

An entry list of 46 cruising boats was reduced by illness and other obstacles (fully documented!) and 29 appeared on the starting line. Nine boats in Class A (rating length over 26') sailed around Fishers Island. This was an excellent showing for the "big" boats. Thirteen sailed Class B (rating length below 27') on a triangular course within in Fisher's Island Sound. The Racing Class, numbering seven, constituted the Class C and also sailed the triangular course.. *The clincher for me was "A Coast Guard Patrol vessel served as committee boat to start the three races of Sarah's Ledge.*

The three Classes off Sarah's Ledge. *It doesn't get any better than that !*

Elsewhere in this issue was a short post script to Margret Minson.'s column, she was the president of the Alpha Mates in 1958:

P.S. Our Vice-President has changed her name from Gloria Mariani to Mrs. George Richards. Our very best wishes to her, and congratulations to the lucky man! *(By the way...that is my aunt! -Yardarm Editor Eleanor Mariani)*



Rules to Live By

By Jack Kurrus , SN



In this issue we start Section Two of the Rules. This section includes Rules 11 thru 18 and concern them-selves with the **Conduct of Vessels in Sight of One Another**. The Rules in this Section in most cases assign to one vessel in a two vessel encounter the primary responsibility for staying out of the way of the other. The Vessel obliged to stay out of the way is called the “give way” vessel; the other vessel is called the

”stand-on” vessel. The theory behind these Rules is the “give-way” vessel is the one better able to stay out

of the way, although in practice this is not always the case. The execution of these Rules depends on the operators of each vessel being able to assess the other’s relative position, course, speed and intentions. Hence the Rules in Section Two depend on good visibility (day or night). In restricted visibility when vessels are not in sight of one another (when reach cannot visually observe the other), Rules 11-18 do not apply and the vessel operators are required to follow Rule 19 (Conduct of vessels in restricted visibility).

Rule 11 -Application.

Rules in this Section apply to vessels in sight of one another. (The Inland Rules, Rule 11 reads exactly the same).

Rule 12 -Sailing Vessels

(a)When two sailing vessels are approaching one another, so as to involve risk of collision, one of them shall keep out of the way of the other as follows:

(i) when each has the wind on a different

side, the vessel which has the wind on the port side shall keep

out of the way of the other;

(ii) when both have the wind on the same side, the vessel which is to windward shall keep out of the way

of the vessel which is to leeward;

(iii) if a vessel with the wind on the port side sees a vessel to windward and cannot determine with

certainty whether the other vessel has the wind on the port or on the starboard side, shall keep the out

of the way of the other.

(b)For the purposes of this Rule the windward side shall be deemed to be the side opposite to that which the mainsail is carried or, in the case of a square-rigged vessel, the side opposite to that which the largest fore-and-aft sail is carried. (Inland Rule 12 reads exactly the same as the International Rule 12.

Note: In the next succeeding issues I will be addressing Rules 13 thru 18 which covers Motor Vessel Rules for Overtaking, Head -on situations, crossing situations and the responsibilities under those Rules.

Sources for this article were:

- a. Farwell’s Rules of the Nautical Road, 8th edition
- b. Handbook of the Nautical Rules of the Road, Naval institute Press.
- c. USCG Navigation Rules, International and Inland

**NOTE: Next Executive Board Meeting
Monday, September 15 , 1900**

Home of Eleanor Mariani

All members are welcome to attend. Come see what your Squadron is doing....Get involved!!! This is your Squadron!

16 Wilson Avenue, Quaker Hill

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Join us for the Fall Membership Meeting, Monday, September 22, Seahorse Restaurant, Noank

Guest speaker: Erik Klockars will recount the experience of surviving a Class 5 hurricane...not all the crew did. (see page 5)

Also, join us for a tour of New London Ledge Lighthouse! Saturday, September 27 (see page 2)

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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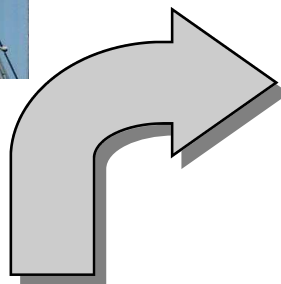
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