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The Cdr's View

Tony Salzarulo

New London Power Squadron launches a new web site!



The squadron has launched a brand new web site and registered a new web address (URL). The new site www.newlondonpowersquadron.org is now up and running and ready for you to review and critique. The site is predominantly my own work product, however, I am hopeful that in the future our squadron educational and administrative departments as well as the members at large will take over the development and maintenance of the site. It is my belief that the Internet will play an ever increasing role in the way boaters acquire information and resources, and I am hopeful this new site will help deliver our message.

"We already have a web site...why a new one?" Bob Payette has put together an incredible website that has served our members well over the years. Our members have at their disposal a plethora of information of interest to recreational boaters. All of that information will still be available. The new site is not intended to replace the old site but rather sits "on top" of the old site. It is designed for the non-member. The new site is an internet address that we can tell non-members to go to find out who we are

and what we do. Therefore, it is a marketing tool to create community interest in our educational programs and activities. Hopefully, along with our other squadron initiatives, the new site will help to bring in future students and members.

The central theme of the new site centers on the *Tour*. From the homepage the non-member user can take the *Tour* and find out who we are and what we're about. The *Tour* consists of 8 Web pages that follow in order with each page discussing some aspect of what we do. The pages go along in order from page one through eight. The user can go forward or back or exit the *Tour* altogether. In other words, you can only get to page 8 from page 7, and you can only get to page 7 from page 6. This provides an orderly marketing presentation about our Squadron to the user. Statistics compiled by the Web host will tell us how many people visit each page so we can monitor the *Tour's* effectiveness.

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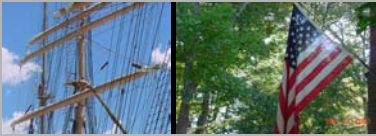
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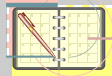
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CALENDAR NLPS Events



<http://www.usps.org>



8 Jan. — Executive Board Meeting, location TBA.

24 Mar. — Membership Meeting, location TBA.

Contact Lt/C Robert Leete, AP (860) 691-1236 for more information on any event.



Note from the Editor:

Mia Culpa! Sorry for having the published *Yardarm* reach people after the date of the Membership Meeting in November.

I am combining the December/January editions in order to get back on schedule.

Sign Up Today for a Class!

January 2008

Marine Electronics 102 (Communications)

– Begins Jan 3.

Boat Smart— Begins January 9

Junior Navigation – Begins Jan 15 through April 8
(AP is a pre-requisite for the course)

February 2008

Marine Electronics 103 (Marine Electronics for Navigation) – Begins February 21 for 6 weeks

Qualifies for DEP's new Coastal Boater Endorsement Program

Basic Weather– Begins Feb 26 for 6 weeks (new)

May 2008

Squadron Boating Course - Begins May 6 for 6 weeks

July 2008

Squadron Boating Course- Begins Jul 9 for 6 weeks

Contact Ellen Barbour to sign up.



Congratulations!

Merit Marks Issued for 2007

20 members of the New London Power Squadron will receive merit marks for 2007:

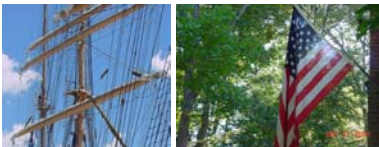
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- Eleanor Mariani
- Kevin Murphy
- Bob Payette
- Jon Peterson
- Daneen Roth
- Greg Roth
- Al Schober
- P/C Bob Smith
- Chris Wick
- Shirley Wick

Happy Birthday!

NAME	TOWN	SPECIAL DAY	MEMBER SINCE
December			
Mark R. Gelinas, P	Waterford	21	1992
Felicity Harley	Hebron	12	2007
Harrison L. Jewett, SN	New London	15	1988
Robert D. Johnson, AP	Mystic	18	1987
Eleanor Mariani, AP	Quaker Hill	08	1987
Gregory Roth, JN	New London	01	1983
Albert E. Schober, AP	Uncasville	28	1989
Frank A. Skewes, JN	Niantic	31	1989
Robert F. Smith, AP	Waterford	21	1967
William E. Stefanelli, AP	Mystic	11	1992
January			
Lou C. Doboie, AP	Waterford	11	1998
Rosemarie E. Marone	N Franklin	15	1998
Alice Payette	Preston	21	1988

Congratulations and Thanks:

Jon Peterson, AP was unanimously approved as Executive Officer at the December Executive Board Meeting. He will serve until the Change of Watch in April. He has stepped down from the Executive Committee to take the position.



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In addition to taking the *Tour*, users can see our current course offerings for both members and non-members with course descriptions and other information of interest.

We are trying to market ourselves and educate the public about our classes and seminars. Additionally, users can register for classes, apply for membership, or ask to be added to our e-mail list for future course offerings. Users can even pay for their membership dues or course materials online. There are links to our National site, our District site and the existing New London site. There are a number of places where users who want to communicate with us can fill out an appropriate form online. These forms are secure and contain safeguards to reduce spam.

The best way for you to experience the new site is to go online and take a look. Comments, suggestions and criticisms are encouraged. Feel free to send an e-mail or use one of the online forms. Better yet, invite your friends and other boaters to take a look. After all, it is the non-member that we are targeting.

I hope this season finds you and your family well and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy holiday and a prosperous new year!

Tony



How Can You Earn A Merit Mark?

**Come and Support Your Squadron.
We are only as good as our membership.**

- ◆ **Do you like to teach? You may be interested in teaching the new 2 hour courses.**
- ◆ **NLPS is planning a minimum of 5 boating safety days at local marinas. Spend a couple of hours staffing a booth with us.**

A "merit mark" (MM) is awarded by the chief commander to a member for substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. It is by and large the only official recognition members receive for their efforts. Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year to a member, no matter how extensive the contribution [Bylaw 14.1.7]. A certificate is issued, and a special insigne may be worn on USPS uniforms [Refer to 10.44 on page 10.8].

Recommendations for a merit mark are made by squadron, district, rear and vice commanders to the chief commander. Active, family and apprentice members may be recommended [Bylaw 14.1].



Rules to Live By

By Jack Kurrus, SN



In last month's issue we completed the General Rules, Rules 1, 2 & 3 and now we move on to the Steering and Sailing Rules which are Rules 4 thru 19. The Steering and Sailing Rules are sub divided into three Sections called Subparts, they are:

Subpart I Conduct of Vessels in Any Condition of Visibility.

Includes Rules 4 thru 10

Subpart II Conduct of Vessels in Sight of One Another.

Includes Rules 11 thru 18

Subpart III Conduct of Vessels in Restricted Visibility

Includes Rule 18

Subpart I contains general rules for lookout, safe speed, risk of collision, narrow channels, and traffic separation schemes (International) or vessel traffic services (Inland). In this issue I will discuss Rules 4 and 5.

Rules 4 Application

Rules in this section apply to any condition of visibility. *The International & Inland versions of Rule 4 are exactly the same. Rule 4 is telling us that vessels operating under any and all conditions of visibility are required to follow Rules 5 thru 10. In other words these Rules apply all the time.*

Rule 5 Lookout International & Inland

Every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper look-out by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and the risk of collision.

Rule 5 is a short rule that places a large responsibility on the mariner. Rather than specify duties, places, times and numbers of persons, Rule 5 requires the Master to decide how best to maintain a proper lookout. Instead of giving us precise guidance on the adequacy of the lookout, the Rule uses vague terms such as "proper" and "appropriate." Only in this way could the Rules reasonably provide for all vessels at all times. Requirement covering even the most common situations would have to be intolerably detailed and complex.

*The "information gap" that sometimes opens between the amounts of information collected and the amount needed to comply with the Rules **is the leading cause of most collisions.** Too often vessels collide because their Masters have either ignored the gap or have filled it with assumptions. An appreciation of the **lookout requirement** will take the mariner halfway toward avoiding collisions.*

Note: Material in this article was taken from Naval Institute Press, Handbook of the Nautical Rules of the Road.



Looking Back



50 YEARS AGO

We still don't have any 1957 Yardarms to report from but continuing to dig around I did find a few fun facts from 1958 found in the Historians compilation of facts.

The January 1958 Membership Meeting was held at the Tusana Hall at 18 Moore Street in New London, with a nice buffet meal for \$1.60 or \$2.60 for cocktails and buffet. *Don't I wish we could get prices like that now....That would surely improve attendance !*

25 YEARS AGO

December 1982 *The December 1982 issue of the Yardarm had a short squib that caught my eye and I thought was interesting in that I had never heard it before. This short note was apparently written by the Treasurer John Robinson along with several other short notes:*

1. New members must pass an advanced course to be eligible to fly the Power Squadron Ensign.

This sure wasn't a giveaway program even the early days!

Another rather prophetic article:

SOMEONE ELSE

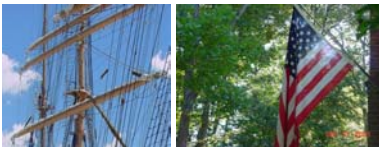
We were saddened to learn recently of the sudden and unexpected demise of one of our most active members, **Someone Else**. Lets reflect on this very sobering news. **Someone Else's** passing does create a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. **Someone Else** had been with us for years and for everyone of those years, **Someone** did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever work was mentioned this person was looked to for inspiration as well as results: "**Let someone else do it.**"

It was common knowledge that **Someone Else** was among the most generous in the Squadron. Whenever there was a special need or another worker needed help, everyone assumed that **Someone Else** would help out. **Someone Else** was a wonderful person but, truth to tell, everybody expected to much from him. Now **Someone Else** is gone. We can no longer depend on **Someone Else**. It appears that if all the needs

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Holds Hearing on Law of the Sea Treaty

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, chaired by Senator Joseph Biden (D-Del.) held a hearing on September 27 on U.S. ratification of the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Committee heard testimony from senior diplomatic and military officials in support of the treaty—the Bush Administration and a majority of the Senate are in favor of ratification, while a handful of opponents argue it would diminish U.S. sovereignty. National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) is a strong supporter of the Law of the Sea Treaty, which would provide a comprehensive framework for managing the world's oceans and enshrine longstanding customary international laws on oceans' issues ranging from territorial rights to navigation and piracy issues. In excess of 150 nations have ratified the Law of the Sea, which took effect in 1994. Supporters of the U.S. include NMMA, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Bush Administration, the U.S. Senate Department, environmental organizations, oceans industries and mining groups, the oil and gas industry, and others. The Committee will hold an additional hearing later in the year to hear from opponents.

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NLPS bids Farewell to: P/C Paul Bowden



Paul Raymond Bowden, 64, of Niantic, died Nov. 15, 2007, at Fairview in Groton, after a long battle with Pick's disease.

He was born in Bangor, Maine, on May 15, 1943 and graduated from Brewer High School in Brewer, Maine, attended South Maine Vocational Technical School and earned a bachelor of science degree with honors from Central Connecticut State University in 1974. From 1961 to 1967 he served with the U.S. Air National Guard.

Following high school he worked for Diamond International and then Pratt & Whitney as a machinist. In 1974 he began a career with Pfizer, holding several positions in toxicology and then transferred to clinical research.

His last year with Pfizer was spent in Sandwich, England, as a senior regulatory associate. He enjoyed golf and tennis in the Pfizer leagues and recreational boating and travel. Mr. Bowden was married in 1966 to Patricia Hunter Bowden, formerly of South Portland, Maine.

Paul also supervised youth groups at the Marlborough Congregational Church and had been a 10-year member of the U.S. Power Squadron, working his way through various offices to become commander. He recently attended St. David's Episcopal Church in Gales Ferry.

In addition to his mother and his wife, Patricia, he is survived by five brothers, Richard and his wife, Charlene, of Eddington, Maine, Philip and his wife, Nancy, of Savannah, Ga., Barry and his wife, Dinah, of Brevard, N.C., Brian and his wife, Darlene, of Orington, Maine, and Keith Bowden and his wife, Heather, of Gorham, Maine; 15 nieces and nephews; 17 great-nieces and nephews; and a godchild.

Donations in his memory may be made to Fairview Odd Fellows Home, 235 Lestertown Road, Groton CT 06340.

District 1 bids Farewell to.....

ALEXANDER K. MURPHY, N

July 22, 1910 - November 26, 2007

NHPS Member through nine decades

Alexander Killam Murphy died on November 26, 2007, at Yale-New Haven Hospital. At 97, he was the longest participating member of District 1.

Alex became a member of the New Haven Power Squadron in May of 1929. His 78 years of membership is one of the longest in the organization. Activity in the USPS ran in Alexander's family. His father, John Killam Murphy, was one of the original founders of both USPS and the New Haven Power Squadron. John was on the first NHPS Bridge as Secretary and was Squadron Commander from 1915-1917.

Alex worked his way through the advanced USPS grades to Navigator. After completing these courses he became an instructor and taught Junior Navigation. He was an active member throughout his life.

Alex was an active sailor all his life. He was successful in club races in the mid-1920s. Alex entered Yale University in September 1928. Graduating from Yale in 1932, Alex and his father sailed in the Bermuda Race. Other races to Bermuda followed.

In addition to his USPS affiliation Alex maintained memberships in The Catboat Association and Cruising Club of America.

Alex also excelled in tennis and football, where he played for Yale.

Alexander married Shirley Holabird in 1936. They sailed numerous boats and ensured that the children had their 'sea legs' and were able to help hoist sails, drop anchor, swab decks, stow food and gear, and take the helm once in awhile.

Alex and Shirley were married for 60 years when she passed away in 1996. He married Catherine Bruns in August 1998.

The members of NHPS and his friends will miss Alex, the twinkle in his eye, and his wonderful stories of sailing, the sea, and endless other topics. Alex led a full and wonderful life.

Happy Holidays! Happy Holidays!

The Executive Board wishes You and Yours a Happy Holiday and a very Healthy New Year

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;

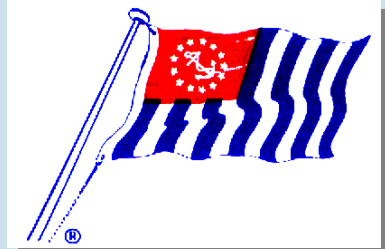
Maintain my boat and operate it legally;

Render assistance when-

ever possible; and

Conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor,

and respect to the United States Power Squadrons.



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