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The Cdr's View

Tony Salzarulo

New London Power Squadron On A Roll!



In the November addition of the Yardarm, I told you about a grant that we applied for from BoatU.S. Foundation. I'm delighted to report to you that I have been advised by the grant coordinator that the New London Power Squadron has been awarded the sum of \$3,935.00, the full amount we asked for. The grant application asked for this money to promote life jacket use at the various safety awareness days and vessel check days that we have planned for this spring. The grant committee felt that our idea of holding these events, and giving participants a free T-shirt was a good one and has funded us accordingly. If you recall the plan is to give a free T-shirt to any participant who pledges that they will wear a personal flotation device when boating this year.

The money doesn't come without some strings attached. We must follow our proposed budget and maintain accurate records to provide a written report and document how the money was spent. BoatU.S. Foundation must approve all audio, video and print materials and we must credit the Foundation for the grant by the use of their camera ready logo and funding statement. Any money not spent goes back to the Foundation.

The approved budget is as follows:

◆ 300 T-shirts white with two color printing and assorted sizes at \$5.08 per shirt	\$1,524
◆ Table display covers; panel displays and stands (see www.usps.work/national/pr/catalog3.html)	\$1,427
◆ Posters and Banners to advertise the events	\$ 484
◆ Newspaper and other media advertising	\$500
Total	\$3,935

Although the T-shirts and money spent on advertising will be used up this year, the purchase of the professional table covers and panel displays is a capital expenditure that the Squadron will use for years to come. And we're not paying for it, how **kewl** is that!

Eleanor Mariani will be working on coordinating the T-shirt design and purchase. If any of you have any input on T-shirt design or purchasing

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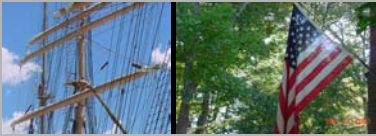
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Visit us at: <http://www.newlondonpowersquadron.org>

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CALENDAR

<http://www.newlondonpowersquadron.org>



NLPS Events

11 Feb. — Executive Board Meeting, home of Lt/C Ellen Barbour.

24 Mar. — Membership Meeting, Seahorse Restaurant, Noank, 6:30pm (see page 3).



Contact Lt/C Robert Leete, AP (860) 691-

Sign Up Today for a Class!

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.



Wishing You and Yours a Very Happy Valentine's Day





Annual Meeting at the Seahorse Restaurant Monday, March 24, 2008, 6:30 pm



Come on out! Enjoy Spring! See what is happening with the New London Power Squadron

By popular demand, we will return to the Seahorse Restaurant, 65 Marsh Rd., Noank, CT. Phone (860) 536-1670.

- ◆ Meeting will be in the dining area to the right of the main entrance.
- ◆ Election of 2008 Bridge

Menu: House Special includes two entrees and bottle of wine for \$21.99, plus tax, tip, and any extras.

- ◆ Reservations not required, but please let Bob Leete know if you are planning to attend so we can give restaurant a head-count.

(Email: robert_b_leete@sbcglobal.net, or (860) 691-1236.)

Program: NLPS member Leo MacDonald will talk on "**Cruising Down East, 2007.**" Leo has offered to share his experiences on a sailing cruise to Maine and Nova Scotia in 2007. He'll give us some feel for the joys, challenges and frustrations of the journey. Useful background for any of us who are inspired to plan a similar undertaking!

Directions to the Seahorse Restaurant, Noank:

From I-95, take Exit 88, to Route 117 Noank/Groton Long Point.

Follow Route 117 South 9/10 mile to Route 1 at light. Turn left (North) on Route 1.

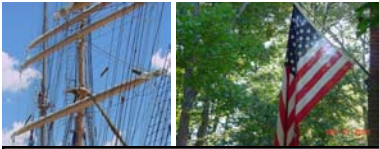
Go one mile to Route 215, turn South on Route 215 towards Noank, down hill 1 1/2 miles, then turn left with Route 215.

Go 1/2 mile, then turn right at Stop sign on Mosher Ave.

Go over bridge 1/10 mile, bear right for one block.

Turn right at stop sign onto Main Street; go one block, then turn left onto Terrace Ave.; one block, then turn right onto Marsh Road/boat yard area.

Go 3/10 mile, past first Spicer building on right. Seahorse Restaurant and a Spicer building are on the left.



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bulk T-shirts please contact her. Jack Kurrus will be coordinating the table displays and floor stand purchases. If any of you have any input on alternatives to acquiring the types of displays indicated on the Web site above, please contact Jack. We still need some volunteers to help with the advertising campaign for these spring events. We have close to \$1000 that we can spend on advertising and we want to make sure that we do so effectively. Please contact me or any member of the executive committee with your thoughts.

On another unrelated matter, the new Web forms on our new Web site have been working well. I'm happy to report that over 20 people have signed up for the squadron boating course which began on January 16th. Some of the people who use the Web forms reported that they found out about the course and the New London Power Squadron online.

On yet another unrelated matter, the skipper of the Sea Scouts has asked for our help in teaching these young men and women our courses and seminars. If you have any interest in working with these young Scouts, let me know.

Tony

Happy Birthday!

NAME	SPECIAL TOWN	MEMBER DAY	SINCE
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February

Mary Brodhead, S	Niantic	16	1991
Lt/C Trux Brodhead, P	Niantic	27	1985
William Gaynor, JN	Noank	20	1998
P/C Dolores Loprinze, AP	Waterford	14	1982

Please note that from now on

Executive Board Meetings will be held the second MONDAY of the month.

Next Executive Board meeting is

Monday, February 11.



Don't throw away those old boating magazines!!!!

The Sea Scouts are
looking for donations.

Drop magazines off at Jack Kurrus's house, 1010 Ocean Avenue, New London, Connecticut 06320 or call him at 442-0055 to make arrangements for him to receive them.



Rules to Live By

By Jack Kurrus, SN



Continuing the study of the Rules where we left off last month in Subpart II, Conduct of Vessels in sight of one another, we come to Rule 6.

Rules 6 Safe Speed

The International and Inland versions of Rule 6 are exactly the same. It reads as follows:

“Every vessel shall at all times proceed at a safe speed so that she can take proper and effective action to avoid collision and be stopped within a safe distance appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions,”

Notice that like Rules 5, Rule 6 begins with the words “Every vessel shall at all times.....” indicating universal application (**No exceptions**), and like Rule 5, it places a great deal of responsibility on the good judgment of the mariner .

How much does speed effect safety? Even if excessive speed is not the most glaring cause of maritime accidents, there have been very few collisions between stopped vessels.

“In determining a safe speed the following factors shall be among those taken into account:

(a) By all vessels:

- (i) the state of visibility;
- (ii) the traffic density including concentrations of fishing vessels or any other vessels;
- (iii) the maneuverability of the vessel with special reference to stopping distance and turning ability in the prevailing conditions;
- (iv) at night the presence of background light such as from shore lights or from the back scatter of her own lights;
- (v) the state of the wind, sea and current, and the proximity of navigational hazards;
- (vi) the draft in relation to the available depth of water.

(b) Additionally, by vessels with operational radar:

- (i) the characteristics, efficiency and limitations of the radar equipment;
- (ii) any constraints imposed by the radar range scale in use;
- (iii) the effect on radar detection of the sea state, weather and other sources of Interference;
- (iv) the possibility that small vessels, ice and other floating objects may not be detected by radar at an adequate range;
- (v) the number, location and movement of vessels detected by radar;
- (vi) the more exact assessment of the visibility that may be possible when radar is to used to determine the range of vessels and other objects in the vicinity.

The first objective of maintaining a safe speed is to permit the vessel “ to take proper and effective action to avoid collision”.



Looking Back



50 YEARS AGO

February 1958

Cdr Paul S. Wolcott, AP was Squadron Commander. The February Yardarm proudly reported that 41 men and 12 women had successfully completed the "Elementary Piloting Course (*Today's Boating Course*). Apparently up till this time NLPS did not have a Squadron Pennant as someone suggested at the February Membership meeting "That we dream up a pennant for our squadron" It was noted that the National rules for pennants provided that "we must have District Approval using only bright red, navy blue, light green, yellow and or white,. Approval must come from the Governing Board." *Although not recorded anywhere there apparently was a contest to define the design of the new proposed pennant, as the Historian has several copies of suggested pennants. Interesting to note that the USS Nautilus went to sea for the first time in January 1955. Do you suppose that's how we got a nuclear submarine on our pennant? .*

ctors for the spring Boating class starting February 16th at Shennecossett Yacht Club. Interesting to note the class was 13 weeks long.

This issue also included a short Safety article taken from the Tybee Light Power Squadron that is still interesting; it is titled **SAFETY**

" A BUCKET IS A BUCKET IS A SAFETY DEVICE." A gentleman friend had been fishing in an open boat, when the need arose to seek some relief. He stood up in the stern of his small boat in the usual way- - - but without his PFD. He lost his balance, fell overboard, could not get back and was drowned. A bucket would have saved this mans life! ! !

25 YEARS AGO

January 1983

Cdr Bob Leventhal, S was Squadron Commander and he had headed to the sunny south for what he termed a well earned trip and would probably be sitting by the pool sipping "cool ones".

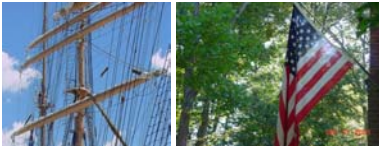
By the time we received the yardarm. He opined "Oh the life of a snowbird" He noted that NLPS would be hosting the spring conference at the Quality Inn in Groton (formerly the Groton Holiday Inn.) and asked for volunteers to assist in "running this show."

An article on Navigation rules noted that after January 1, 1983 a copy of the new Inland Navigation Rules must be kept onboard all boats 12 meters(39'4 ft) or more in length. There was also a listing of the Instru-

You are Cordially Invited to
A Benefit Reception to Celebrate the
25th Anniversary of the
Maritime Society
At the
Weller Center, Mitchell College
5 pm, March 15

Guest Speakers to Discuss
the Status of Port New London

Contact the Custom House at (860) 447-2501
or www.nlmaritimesociety.org



REPORT OF THE NOMINATING 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 24, 2008. All candidates have agreed to serve, if elected.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
Commander	Cdr Anthony Salzarulo, AP
Executive Officer	Vacant
Educational Officer	P/LT/C Harrison L. Jewett, SN
Administrative Officer	Vacant
Secretary	Lt/C Eleanor C. Mariani, AP
Treasurer	Lt/C Robert B. Leete, AP
Asst. Educational Officer	Lt/C Christopher Wick, JN
Asst. Secretary	Vacant
Asst. Treasurer	Vacant
Executive Committee (1 yr. term)	P/C John B. Kurrus, SN Lt/C Jon D. Peterson, AP Lt/C Truxtun Brodhead, S P/C M. Ellen Barbour, SN P/Lt/C Kevin H. Murphy, AP
Auditing Committee (3 yr.) (2 yr.) (1 yr.)	Nicholas. M. Orobello, S Frank A. Skewes, JN Vacant
Nominating Committee (3 yr.) (2 yr.) (1 yr.)	Vacant P/C Henry Curtis, AP Vacant
Rules Committee (3 yr.) (2 yr.) (1 yr.)	P/C Gregory Roth, JN Ruth E. MacDonald, S John B. Kurrus, SN

As required by Section 11.2 of the new London Power Squadron Bylaws, the names of the candidates for Squadron Educational Officer and Asst. Educational Officer have been submitted and approved by the District Educational Officer acting for the National Educational Officer.

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Henry F. Curtis
P/C Henry F. Curtis, AP

S/ M. Ellen Barbour
P/C M. Ellen Barbour, SN

Ahoy!
Come Get Involved with
Your Squadron
We need to fill the positions of
Administration Officer
Executive Officer
Nominating Committee
Call Cmdr. Tony Salzarulo
for more information.

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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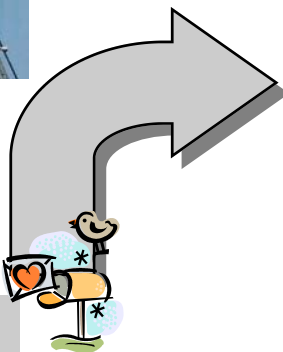
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