



# The Yardarm

February 2009

A Publication of *THE NEW LONDON POWER SQUADRON*  
a Unit of District 1, United States Power Squadrons®.

*SAIL AND POWER BOATING*  
Chartered 14 April, 1939



## The Cdr's View

*Tony Salzarulo*



### Why Sea Scouts?

**J**ust after we rang in the New Year, the members of the New London Power Squadron were invited to attend a Sea Scout ceremony held in Groton. Two young men were becoming Eagle Scouts. Quite an achievement! Myself, Executive Officer Chris Jordan, and Sea Scout liaison Jack Kurrus were in attendance representing the New London Power Squadron. The mayor, state legislators and Governor Rell's representative were also in attendance. These young men and women put on quite a display, smartly dressed in their white uniforms, piping us aboard the ship and performing the award ceremonies. We were all impressed with the Scouts and their adult leaders.

You may have noticed that in my term as Commander, I have tried to encourage a stronger relationship with the Sea Scouts. The relationship with the Sea Scouts is not new to USPS nor to the New London Power Squadron. Several years ago the USPS Chief Commander Ted Smith signed a memorandum of understanding between the United States Power Squadron and the Sea Scout parent group the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Local squadrons all over the country, as well as in our District 1, sponsor, teach and participate with Sea Scouts.

Back in 2006, our Executive Officer, at the time, Hugh Wedegis, proposed that the New London Power Squadron sponsor a Sea Scout ship. If I recall, there was some lively debate on the subject. However, I believe the Executive Committee made the correct choice not to sponsor a Sea Scout ship. New London does not have the financial resources or the manpower to undertake such a sponsorship. Additionally, some of our members (who I very much respect) objected to any relationship with an organization connected with the Boy Scouts of America because of their discrimination policies regarding Scout leaders. [Boy Scouts of America et al. v. Dale, 530 U.S. 640 \(2000\).](#)

I do not condone or agree with any discrimination policy. It seems the older I get the more I find myself belonging to groups where I cannot embrace all of their policies and positions. This time is no exception. (I'm a Republican,

*(Continued on page 5)*

1—The Cdr's View

## INDEX

2—The Bridge;  
Calendar of Events; Edu-  
cation News

5— Membership Meeting An-  
nouncement

3— Birthdays; Free Paddle  
Safety Day Event



6— Looking Back

4— Report of the Nominations  
Committee

7— Rules to Live By



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

## 2007- 2008 Bridge of the NLPS

Commander	Cdr. Anthony Salzarulo, AP	salzarulo@comcast.net	(860) 267-7073
Executive Officer	vacant		
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Truxton Brodhead	Marybrodhead@sbcglobal.net	(860) 460-5081
Secretary	Lt/C Eleanor Mariani, AP	eleleanor_c_mari8123@sbcglobal.net	(860) 442-8007
Treasurer	Lt/C Robert B. Leete, AP	robert_b_leete@sbcglobal.net	((203) 453-5860
Educational Officer	Lt/C Harrison L. Jewett, SN	ht_juett@sbcglobal.net	(860) 443-6499
Asst. Educ. Officer	1st Lt Christopher Wick, JN	mischief@snet.net	(860)536-1840
Asst. Treasurer	1st Lt Robert F. Smith, AP	robertsmith9gun@sbcglobal.net	(860) 442-7077
Membership	vacant		
Past Commander	P/C Henry Curtis , AP	h-curtis @sbcglobal.net	(860) 443-5953

## The Yardarm

THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEW LONDON POWER SQUADRON, A UNIT OF THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

**PUBLISHER:** RUTH MACDONALD, S  
332 S. BURNHAM HWY  
LISBON, CT 06351  
(860) 859-9600  
MACDORE@SBCGLOBAL.NET

**EDITOR:** ELEANOR C. MARIANI, AP  
16 WILSON AVENUE  
QUAKER HILL, CT 06375  
(860) 442-8007

THE YARDARM IS PUBLISHED MONTHLY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF JULY. JUNE AND JULY ARE PUBLISHED AS A COMBINED SUMMER ISSUE.

SUBMIT ARTICLES TO: EDITOR AT ABOVE ADDRESS OR, VIA EMAIL TO ELEANOR\_C\_MARI8123@SBCGLOBAL.NET



### CALENDAR

[www.newlondonpowersquadron.org](http://www.newlondonpowersquadron.org)



### NLPS Events

**24 Feb., 09.** — Boating Course, Waterford High School (apply on-line or call Lea Jewett)

**9 Mar .** — Executive Board Meeting, home of Lt/C Eleanor Mariani, AP, Quaker Hill, 1900—all welcome!

**30 Mar .** — Annual Membership Meeting, at Italian-American Citizen's Club, Groton, CT. 1630

**13 Apr .** — Executive Board Meeting, home of Cmdr Tony Salzarulo, JN, Colchester , 1900—all welcome!

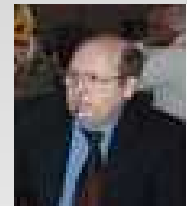
**26 Apr .** — Change of Watch Luncheon.....save the date

### D1/Other Events

**7 Mar** — Paddle Smart Safety Event—Free (see page 3)

## Education Department News

Lea Jewett, SEO



Seamanship is wrapping up with their exam on February 11. Piloting is being finalized and should start in mid to late March. America's Boating Course 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (ABC3) will be starting February 24 at the Waterford High School. Volunteers, proctors and mentors are welcome.

Henry Cutis, Brae Rafferty and Tony Salzarulo recently passed their JN Exam. Congratulations!!! The fourth student will be taking his exam in a few weeks because of a prior conflict.





## Paddle Smart Safety Event

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Boating Division, in cooperation with ConnYak, the City of New Haven Department of Parks and Recreation, the US Coast Guard, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the US Power Squadron will present a day of safe paddling demonstrations and information sessions on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the Wilbur Cross High School, 181 Mitchell Drive, New Haven from 10 AM to 4 PM. All demonstrations take place at the indoor pool.

The event is free of charge and will feature in-pool demonstrations and other topics including self-rescue, choosing the right craft, communications and cold water immersion.

There will be fun filled activities for children and families are welcome!

Professionals from the US Coast Guard, certified canoe and kayak instructors from the City of New Haven, and a variety of representatives from the paddling industry and the DEP Boating Division will be on hand to answer any questions.

Inquiries can be directed to the DEP Boating Division at (860) 434-8638 or Martin Torresquintero, (New Haven Parks & Recreation) (203) 946-6768 or [mtor-resq@newhavenct.net](mailto:mtor-resq@newhavenct.net).



# Happy Birthday!



## February

Name	Town	Day
Mary Brodhead, S	Niantic	16
LT/C Trux Brodhead, P	Niantic	27
William Gaynor, JN	Noank	20
Dolores Loprinze, AP	Waterford	14

### DIRECTIONS to Wilbur Cross HS:

#### From I-91 South: Take Exit 6

- Take right onto Willow St. at end of ramp
- At second light, take right onto Mitchell Drive
- Pass the Wilbur Cross Athletic Complex on right
- At second set of tennis courts, take right
- Parking in school lot.

#### From I-95 North: Take Exit 48

- Follow signs for I-91 North
- Take Exit 6 (left exit)
- Follow directions from I-91 South above.

#### From I-95 South: Follow signs for I-91 North

- Take Exit 6 (left exit) - Follow directions from I-91 South above.



### REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS 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 23, 2009. All candidates have agreed to serve, if elected.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
Commander	P/Lt/C Christopher Jordan, P
Executive Officer	Vacant
Educational Officer	Lt/C Harrison L. Jewett, SN
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Truxtun E, Br5odhead, P
Secretary	Lt/C Eleanor Mariani, AP
Treasurer	Lt/C Jon D, Peterson, AP
Asst. Educational Officer	Lt/C Christopher Wick, JN
Asst. Secretary	Vacant
Asst. Treasurer	Vacant
Executive Committee (1 yr. terms)	Daneen L. Roth, P P/C M. Ellen Barbour, SN Philip M, Shaughnessy P/C Henry F. Curtis, AP Mark Chanski
Auditing Committee (3 yrs.)	Albert E. Schober, AP
(2 yrs.)	Nicholas M. Orobello, S
(1 yr)	Frank A. Skewes, JN
Nominating Committee (3 yrs)	Cdr Anthony Salzarulo, AP
(2 yrs)	P/C Henry Curtis, AP
(1 yr)	P/C John B. Kurrus,
Rules Committee (3 yrs)	P/C Gregory Roth, JN
(2 yrs)	Ruth E. MacDonald. S
(1 yr)	P/C John B. Kurrus, SN

As required by Section 11.2 of the New London Power Squadron By-laws, the names of the candidates for Squadron Educational Officer and Assistant Educational Officer. have been submitted and approved by the District Educational Officer acting for the National Educational Officer

Respectfully submitted by:

      /S/ Henry F. Curtis      .

P/C Henry F. Curtis, AP





(Continued from page 1)

conservative, Roman Catholic – who can defend some of this stuff). With that being said, the New London Power Squadron is not a place for politics. Our mission is clear - to teach recreational boating safety and promote responsibility on the water. These young people are eager to learn, and we have the materials and talent to teach. What do national politics have to do with teaching a local kid how to tie a bowline, plot a course or read a chart?

But wait, there's an even more compelling reason why we should support the Sea Scouts. We need them. They provide us with students to teach and opportunities to help us promote boating safety. They provide us with potential new student and adult members. They provide us with a source for community involvement. If we seek community support we must in turn support our community. Therefore, our support of the Sea Scouts is both self-serving as well as benevolent.

My days as Commander of the New London Power Squadron will soon be coming to an end. It will be up to the new Commander and Bridge to set our course for the future. Until then, I will continue to advocate support and assistance to our local Sea Scouts wherever possible.

Tony



## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, MARCH 30 , 2009

1830

**Where:** Italian-American Citizen's Club 322 Mitchell Street Groton, CT. 06340

**What's Happening:** Vote on 2009 Bridge, Have some fun meeting members and trading sea stories—Make some plans for the summer!

**SAVE THE DATE.....MORE TO COME IN NEXT YARDARM**

## So what Happened at the last membership meeting in January:?

Fun was had by all .....We learned about ourselves and.... how to size up our friends with a great presentation on handwriting analysis !

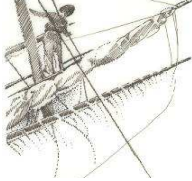


Kim Boswell, Karen Volkmar, S; Joe Jordan, S; Greg Roth, JN

Peg and Jack Kurrus, SN



Sally and Nick Orobello, S



# Looking Back

Jack Kurrus, SN

OVER THE YARDARM



## 50 YEARS AGO

### February 1959

*You'll remember last month I reported that NLPS was moving their monthly membership meetings to Tusana Hall. This February 1959 issue had much good to report about the very successful meeting in their new digs at Tusana Hall. Strange then that the cover of the February edition was over labeled with an announcement that the February Meeting place had been changed due to a fire at Tusana Hall. The S/C Sandy Glassman encouraged all to attend the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration. Later in the issue was the history of the start of NLPS by a charter member P/C John A. Connor, I'll repeat it here.*

### **New London Power Squadron 1939-1959**

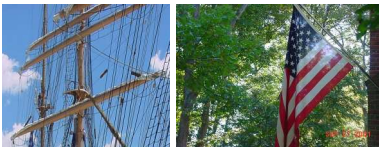
I have been asked by the Editor of the Yardarm to write a few lines regarding our Squadron, on this our 20th Anniversary. Wow its hard to believe that my "baby" is so old, and has grown so big.

How did we get Started? Away back in the year 1938, I used to watch the yachts running in and out of New London Harbor, and would notice on some of them, a strange ensign which looked to me like a "Dutch" or some other flag which I did not know. I inquired around a bit, and learned about the USPS. I don't remember just what started things, but I approached the membership of the Thames Yacht Club on the idea of sponsoring a unit of the Squadrons. Having been given permission, a date was set for an organization meeting, with help from a District Commander whose name I do not recall at this time, a class in Piloting was started in the Fall of '38. Charles B. Wood who was a member of the Thames Yacht Club and the Hartford Power Squadron volunteered to instruct the first class. Well do I remember those cold winter nights of '38-'39 when we met in a small room at the Yacht Club—thirteen of us trying to absorb warm weather activities in the winter time. Fi

nally the class work was completed, the examinations given, and out of it all came the New London Power Squadron. Our first officers were: Commander—Charles B. Wood, JN; Vice Commander—John A. Connor; Secretary—Wm A. Steen; Treasurer—A.A. Young Jr.

Our Charter is dated 14 April 1939. During this time we were ably assisted by Cdr J. E. Whitbeck, USCG who was in charge of Base 4 at New London.

Many members have come and gone since our Squadron was started. Looking over the roster, I find that only three Charter members are left. They are Ed Butlin, AP; Bill Stuart, JN; and myself. I am mighty proud of our Squadron, and we have many "first" to our credit. In 1946 a meeting of various Squadrons was called at New London, out of which grew District One. In 1954, an Auxiliary was organized, which was called the "Alpha Mates." This was the first Auxiliary in this area, possibly in the East. With the assistance of the New London Power Squadron, new squadrons were organized Norwich, Westerly and Saybrook. This Squadron also has been the sponsor of the Tri-Squadron Committee, a group organized to promote social activities as well as educational between Norwich, Westerly and New London Squadrons.



**Rules to Live By**  
**By Jack Kurrus , SN**



In this issue we start a close look at the Rules in Part C, Rules 20 thru 31. These rules describe the Lights and Shapes. It's recommended that you follow along using copy of the Rules that contains a color portrait of the required lights. They are many and varied and certainly defy memorizing, so a starting point is to be able to visualize the all the colors and shapes. Remembering the infamous case of the "Karen E." back in 1984, enough can not be said about having a good working knowledge of Lights and Shapes. For those that don't recall, the Karen E. was a large motor yacht that erroneously crossed under the stern of a tug that was showing the appropriate lights for a tug in tow, towing astern. The net result was that the Karen E. got caught up in the tow line and was ultimately sunk. This unfortunate incident occurred just North of Plum Gut in Long Island Sound.

**PART C Lights and Shapes**

**Rule 20- Application**

*Note: International and Inland Rule 20 are exactly the same.*

- (a) Rules in this Part shall be complied with in all weathers.
- (b) The Rules concerning lights shall be complied with from **sunset to sunrise, and during such times, no other lights shall be exhibited** except lights that cannot be mistaken for the lights specified in these Rules or do not impair their Visibility or distinctive character, or interfere with the keeping of a proper lookout.
- (c)The lights prescribed by these Rules shall, if carried, also be exhibited from sunrise to sunset in restricted visibility and may be exhibited in all other circumstances when it is deemed necessary.



- (d) The Rules concerning shapes shall be complied with by day.
- (e) The lights and shapes specified in these Rules shall comply with the provisions of Annex I to these Regulations.

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

**Members Enjoying the January Membership Meeting.....**



**Why not join us on March 30?**

Chris Jordan, P; Ellen Barbour, SN; Ruth MacDonald, S



Bob Leete, AP; Jon Peterson, AP; Felicia Murallo; Lea Jewett, SN



Genevieve Smith; Ron Murallo, S; Cmdr. Tony Salzarulo, JN Trux Brodhead, P



COME SUPPORT YOUR SQUADRON  
AND HAVE SOME FUN!!!!

SAVE THE DATES:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: MONDAY,  
MARCH 30

CHANGE OF WATCH: SUNDAY, APRIL 26

**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.



Members are encouraged to submit articles. Deadlines for submission of Articles for publication in *THE YARDARM* is the 15th day of the month for publication the following month. We reserve the right to edit any and all material to accommodate space needs. All opinions expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of The New London Power Squadron or The United States Power Squadrons, or the Editor of this publication. Other NLPS publications have permission to use articles and photo's from this publication with proper attribution to *The Yardarm* and or the author of the article.

Please contact the Editor directly at 860 442-8007 or [eleanor\\_c\\_mari8123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eleanor_c_mari8123@sbcglobal.net) for further information.

From:

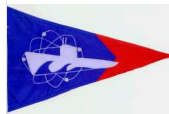
**The Yardarm**

The Publication of The New London Power Squadron,  
a Unit of United States Power Squadrons®.

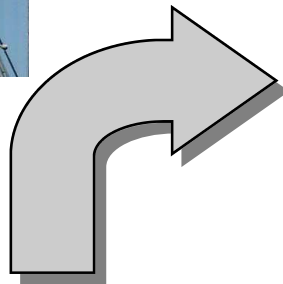
**SAIL AND POWER BOATING**

Address corrections to Publisher at:  
332 S. Burnham Hwy  
Lisbon, CT 06351  
[macdore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:macdore@sbcglobal.net)

February 2009



TO:



To Our On-Line Readers

Thank You



Visit us at:

[www.newlondonpowersquadron.org](http://www.newlondonpowersquadron.org)