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The Cdr's View

Tony Salzarulo



Happy New Year! The winter solstice has passed and the sun has begun its northbound declination. Each passing day brings a little more daylight and a little less darkness. I'm a lot more conscious of the apparent movement of the sun this year, having just completed the United States Power Squadron JN course. I must admit, I was hesitant in signing up for the JN course. When would I ever have the need for offshore navigation techniques? What was the practical use for a coastal sailor? Early into the course it became apparent to me that learning this stuff about the Sun, the Earth's movement, time zones, and even applied trigonometry was not only important but also challenging and fun. This course (as with all advanced USPS courses) requires time and commitment but was certainly worth the effort. As John Fitzgerald Kennedy said in his let's go to the moon speech "... we choose to do these things not because they are easy... but because they are hard".

So even though I know that the days are getting longer, we still have to get through the winter. So what's a boater to do? It's much too early and too cold to begin commissioning for next year. Craig Campbell, Commander of the Waterbury Power Squadron, offers the following suggestions: Go down to the Marina and talk to your boat. If you don't own a boat, talk to some-

one else's. They get lonely. Better yet, buy your boat a gift. Now there's a suggestion I can relate to (if I can get it past the admiral). I can think of lots of stuff my boat would love me to buy. Need gift ideas? The winter boat shows will be here soon. The Hartford boat show is January 22-25 and the Providence boat show is January 29 through February 1. Boat shows are how folks in New England celebrate their passion in the middle of winter.

On another matter, the results of the USPS national planning committee survey have been released. As you may recall many of you received an e-mail questionnaire asking for your opinion about USPS. The results are not surprising. An overwhelmingly significant number of our members indicated that education was the primary reason for joining USPS and for staying with USPS. The member benefits like insurance discounts are not a significant factor in people joining or staying with the squadrons, according to the survey. In terms of problems that we need to overcome our members cited the organizational hierarchy and paramilitary approach. Also, the survey indicates that a national marketing plan is needed. The complete survey results

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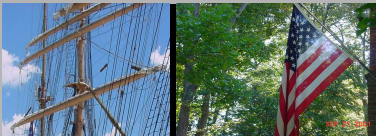
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CALENDAR

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NLPS Events

3 Dec . — Seamanship, Waterford Police Department (apply on-line or call Lea Jewett)

12 Jan. — Membership Meeting, at Italian-American Citizen's Club, Groton, CT. 6:30pm (see pg. 4)

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

D1/Other Events

22-25 Jan — CMTA Boat Show, Connecticut Convention Center

Prayer for 2009

Give us the kindness to hear with compassion, to offer support, loving comfort, and care.

Give us the courage to do what is needed, the wisdom to choose what is right and fair.

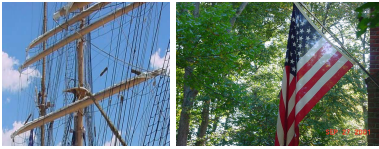
Give us the vision to see what is possible.

Give us the faith that will help pave the way for a present that is hopeful, a future that is peaceful—

Give us a heart to bring joy to each day.

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Member's Earn Merit Marks!

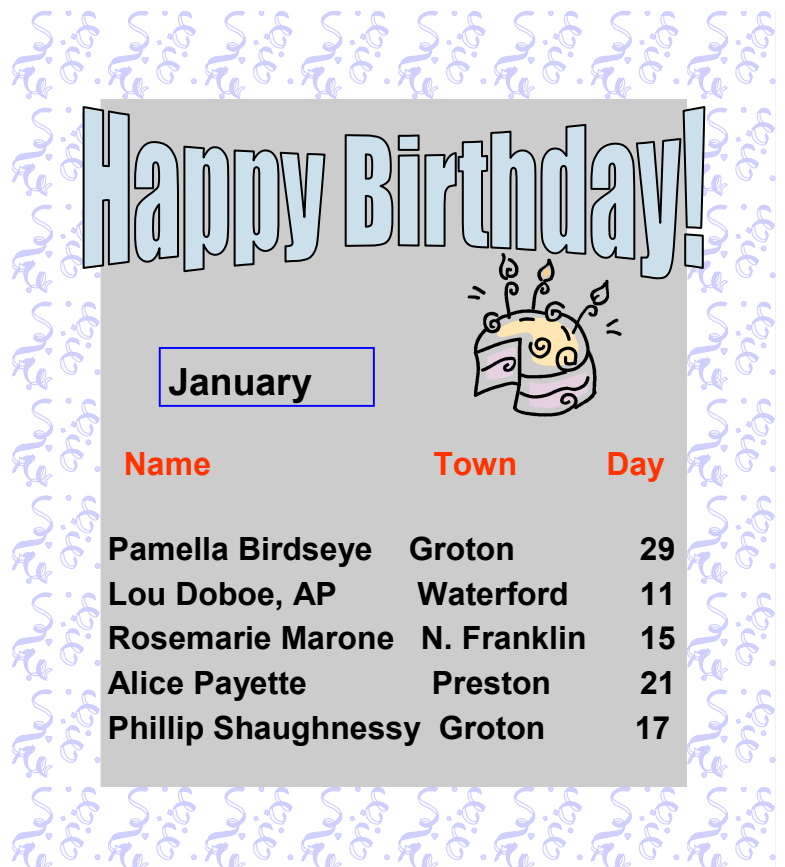
Congratulations to the 25 members who contributed to the Squadron this year!!!!!!

- Ellen Barbour, SN
- Truxtun Brodhead, P
- Mark Chanski
- Henry Curtis, AP
- Virginia Dimmock, P
- Mark Gelinias, P
- Harrison Jewett, SN
- Christopher Jordan, P
- Stephen Kuenkler, S
- John Kurrus, SN
- Robert Leete, AP
- Dolores Loprinze, AP
- Leo MacDonald, P
- Ruth MacDonald, S
- Eleanor Mariani, AP
- Kevin Murphy, AP
- Robert Payette, P
- Jon Peterson, AP
- Brae Rafferty, AP
- Daneen Roth, P
- Gregory Roth, JN
- Albert Schober, AP
- Doreen Sharkey
- Robert Smith, AP
- Christopher Wick, JN

How can you earn a Merit Mark?

Merit marks reward 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. A special insignie may be worn. 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.

Family merit marks may be converted to merit marks when a family member becomes an active member.



Happy Birthday!

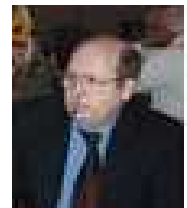


January

Name	Town	Day
Pamella Birdseye	Groton	29
Lou Doboie, AP	Waterford	11
Rosemarie Marone	N. Franklin	15
Alice Payette	Preston	21
Phillip Shaughnessy	Groton	17

Education Department News

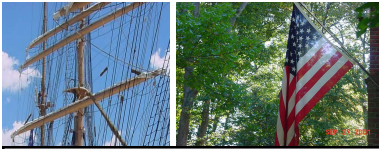
Lea Jewett, SEO



Both Seamanship and JN are off for the holidays. Seamanship will restart on January 7. The JN exams will be handed out on the same day.

The boating course will be starting February 24 at the Waterford High School.

Piloting is still in the planning stages with more information to follow.



January Membership Meeting

*Have your handwriting analyzed
to see what it says about you!!!*

Handwriting



Analysis

When: Monday, January 12, 2009
1830

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

What's to Eat: Ziti and Meatballs in Sauce, Salad, Bread, Coffee

What's Happening: Short meeting

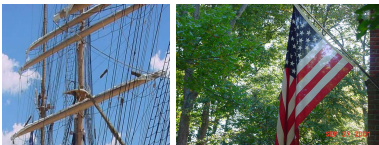
Have your writing analyzed by handwriting expert Christina Powell
Meet new members and reacquaint with friends

Cost? : \$10.50 and Requesting donation to handwriting expert

Call Trux Brodhead 739-2029 to register

Directions : From 95N: Take Exit 85 ramp onto Thames street; slight right onto Bridge street which becomes Thames Street; Thames Street becomes Poquonnock Road;; left onto Mitchell Street

From 95S: Take Exit 87 (Clarence B Sharp Hwy., toward US1N; Take Right onto Meriden Street;; Left onto Mitchell



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have been posted to our website and can be found under the membership tab. You can take a look at it and draw your own conclusions.

We have a very active in ambitious education year ahead of us. To keep you informed of the activities and educational programs we are now relying heavily on e-mail. Unfortunately, we do not have good e-mail addresses for many of our members. You now can make changes to your roster profile (including e-mail addresses) on the website. I would encourage all members to make sure that your e-mail addresses are correct.

Tony



The Executive Board bids FAREWELL to long time member HOLT C. "JACK" VIBBER who died December 9, 2008. Jack was an avid sailor of Friendship Sloops and a great friend of the NLPS.

WELCOME

New Members:

Karen Volkmar, Niantic
Ed Murphy, Westerly, RI

BENEFITS OF BEING A USPS MEMBER!!!

The new year and a tight economy is the best reason to review the benefits of belonging to USPS. The following are structured to the USPS MEMBER, and can only be obtained by a person with a current membership card.

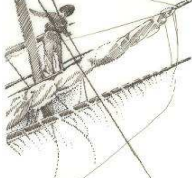
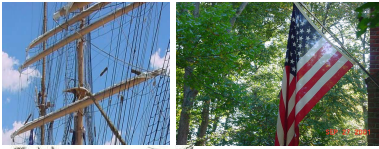
Below is an overview of benefits, visit www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefitslist.htm for more details.

- ◆ Free Education
- ◆ Tax Deduction on Dues and some Travel Expenses
- ◆ GPS for Mariners
- ◆ Discounts on Computer Software and Hardware
- ◆ USPS Boat Insurance Program
- ◆ Reduced Membership Dues with Boat US and all their Programs
- ◆ Chase VISA Credit Card with Competitive Interest Rates and No Annual Fees - Call



(800) 347-7887

- ◆ Chase Preferred Mortgage Program for Members
- ◆ USPS Port Captains
- ◆ Liaison with governmental agencies - Web site
- ◆ Discounts with Maptech
- ◆ *The Ensign*® Magazine
- ◆ The Compass - Electronic Newsletter
- ◆ 40% Discount from Soundings Magazine
- ◆ Discounts on Nobeltec Navigation Software
- ◆ Up to 12% Discount with DELL Computers
- ◆ Cooperative Charting, Vessel Safety Check, and Special Programs



Looking Back

Jack Kurrus, SN

OVER THE YARDARM



25 YEARS AGO

January 1984

January 23rd was the date of the January 1959 regular Membership meeting at the Morton House. (Niantic) Dinner \$8.50 & Cocktails. Presentation by Captain Orrin Merry about his early life at sea, lighthouses and their history in our area; problems and conditions facing power and sailing vessels. Captain Merry is active in ferry and charter boat operations.

The ever present poetry of Dolores Loprinze was also found in this issue, titled

THAW CHORE

Thanks to an ever stronger sun, The January thaw has come

Through damp sand and mud I plow, To pat "the old girl" on her bow

Too give her cover lines a tug, And be sure that she is snug

She seems to sit there mighty proud, Underneath her winter shroud

Waiting for the summer day, When she'll be floating in the bay

50 YEARS AGO

January 1959

This issue of the Yardarm heralded the January 26th meeting at the new meeting place at Tusana Hall, 20 Moore St, New London.

Squadronites and Alpha Mates will meet at Tusana Hall for their regular meetings.

A supper will be served at 1830 hours with the meetings at 2000. The menu consists of Clam Chowder, salad, apple pie and coffee, \$.75 per person. We are very fortunate to have Cdr Robert D. McWethy, Commander Submarine Div101 at State Pier, as our speaker for this meeting. Through the Cdr.'s vast knowledge of the Arctic region he was greatly instrumental in the successful under-ice cruises of the USS Nautilus and USS Skate.

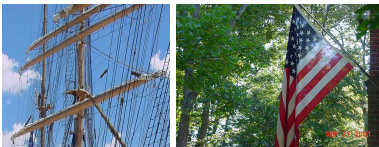
An, other lengthy article caught my eye, titled

"LET'S HAVE A CONTEST"

(the subject)

A Pennant For The New London Power Squadron

This is where the current Squadron pennant/ burgee got its start. I'm sure well read more about this in succeeding issues.



Rules to Live By

By Jack Kurrus , SN



In this issue we will study the only Rule, Rule 19 in Section/Subpart III. You will recall Sub-section I specified Conduct of Vessels in any Condition of Visibility, and Section II specified Conduct of Vessels in Sight of One Another. It is interesting to note that only one Rules is devoted exclusively to conditions of restricted visibility while there are eight Rules for much better conditions. The Inland and International Rule 19 are exactly the same.

Rules 19 Conduct of Vessels in Restricted Visibility

(a) This Rule applies to vessels not in sight of one another when navigating in or near an area of restricted visibility.

(b) Every vessel shall proceed at a safe speed adapted to the prevailing circumstances and conditions of restricted visibility. A power driven vessel shall have her engines ready to maneuver.

(c) Every vessel shall have due regard to the prevailing circumstances and conditions of restricted visibility when complying with Rules 4 through 10.

(d) A vessel which detects by radar alone the presence of another vessel shall determine if a close quarters situation is developing or risk of collision exists. If so she shall take avoiding action in ample time, provided that such action consists of an alteration of course, so far as possible the following shall be avoided:

(i) an alteration of course to port for a vessel forward of the beam, other than for a vessel being overtaken; and

(ii) an alteration of course toward a vessel abeam or abaft the beam.

(e) Except where it has been determined that a risk of collision does not exist, every vessel which hears apparently forward of her beam the fog signal of another vessel, or which cannot avoid a close quarters situation with another vessel forward of her beam, shall reduce her speed to the minimum at which she can be kept on course. She shall if necessary take all way off and, in any event, navigate with extreme caution until danger of collision is over.

Note: For many years Safe Speed in limited visibility was considered to be nothing in excess of seven(7)knots. This value was determined from Maritime Law courts that never found for any vessel that was making speed, in excess of seven knots, in limited visibility. In the past several years however some cases have approved slightly higher speeds for vessels involved in collisions. The courts have found slower less maneuverable vessels must use slower speeds than higher speed craft that are more maneuverable. Thus, the old half-the-distance of visibility rule, which focused on vessels stopping to avoid collision, is too narrow a measure of safe speed, particularly since Rule 8(c) now favors course changes to avoid collisions because they tend to be more apparent to the other vessel than stopping.

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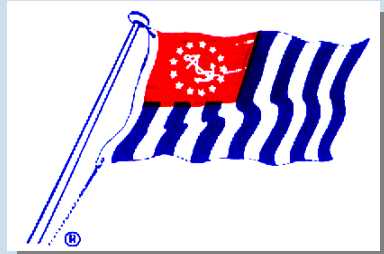
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Sign up NOW for the January 12; 6:30pm
MEMBERSHIP MEETING with a TWIST!!!!
Come join in on some fun....
Get your handwriting analyzed by a professional analyst!!!!
Enjoy some pasta and good conversation!!!
Call TRUX to confirm: 739-2029
(more details page 4)

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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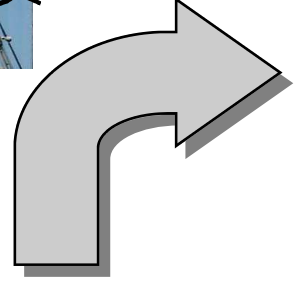
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