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The Cdr's View

Tony Salzarulo



May was a busy month for your Squadron.

There were a lot of tasks to complete in preparation for our three safety days scheduled for June 7th, 14th, and 21st that now seem to be coming together nicely. I want to thank all of the members who participated in preparation for these events. The next time I write this column I hope to report on the overall success of these events. Did we gain any members? Students? Teachers? The results may be hard to measure in the short run but hopefully I'll have something positive to report.

This month there have been several new enhancements to our website. We have added a page, linked off of the Home page, dedicated to Vessel Safety Checks. The page discusses the exam process and reasons why recreational boaters should have a Vessel Safety Check. It also provides a form to request a Vessel Safety Check locally and also on the national site if they boat out of our area.

Another website page added this month creates a New London Power Squadron message board. Here, anyone can post questions or comments about the website, the Power Squadron, our courses and even buy and sell

items. Users can create new topics and post questions or comments. Generally, my experience with discussion boards or blogs has been that they only work when there is a large populace of subscribers who are viewing and posting. New London Power Squadron's message board may not have the population to make it effective. However, the message board was a free add-on and I thought we could try it for a while. I hope that everyone gives it a look and posts a question or comment.

Another website page added this month is called "Boating Education Online". This page provides educational links to other boating websites and videos designed to teach boating skills online. There are links to sites that teach the user how to tie knots, review basic boating education, videos that explain inflatable PFD's and aids to naviga-

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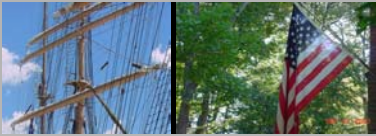
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CALENDAR

<http://www.newlondonpowersquadron.org>



NLPS Events

- 24 — Seimiar: Motorboat Handling Course
- 25 — Seimiar: Sail Trim
- 26 — Seimiar: Padde Smart
(see page 3 for details)
- 13 Aug. — Executive Board Meeting, aboard *Aria*, Spicer's Marina, Noank, 7pm
- 9 July — Squadron Boating Class, Mason's Island Yacht Club

D1 Events

- 22—27 Jul. — Rendezvous Greenport, Townsend Marina
 - 28 Jul.—3 Aug. — Cruise with Meriden Squadron—Montauk to Block Island
(see page 5 for more detail on cruises)
 - 9 Aug. — Sail Race, Westbrook, Pilot Point Marina
 - 20 Sep. — Poker Run, Hamburg Cove
- More details in the Sound of 1 Spring 08 edition.

Sign Up Today for a Class!



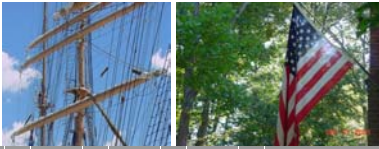
NOTE:

Junior Navigation— Will be offered after Labor Day

July 2008

Squadron Boating Course- Jul 9 for 6 weeks at **Mason's Island Yacht Club;**
Qualifies for Coastal Boater Endorsement
Contact Lea Jewett to sign up.





NLPS Bids Farewell to....

Former Commander Jim Mullhol-land who passed away May 14, 2008 at Sava Healthcare at Bridebrook, Niantic.

He was 84.



New London Power Squadron 2008 Summer Public Courses

Seminars

June 24 – Boat Handling Under Power

June 25 – Sail Trim

June 26 – Paddle Smart

All seminars are two hours, 7pm – 9pm, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Fort Hill Rd, Groton.

Cost: \$35 each, any two \$55 or all three \$70

Public Boating Course

Wednesdays starting July 9, 7pm – 9pm at Mason’s Island Yacht Club

Cost: \$35

Register online for any of these courses at: www.newlondonpowersquadron.org

District One Sail Race Entry Form 9 August 2008

This race will be under the management of the Race Committee of USPS District 1. The Committee has full authority to classify vessels, interpret rules, and reject entry of any vessel that it considers unsafe, un-seaworthy, or not to comply with the letter or spirit of the rules and conditions of the race. The Committee will be the sole judge of the rules, protests and ratings. Acceptance of an entry does not assume judgment of vessel or skipper’s qualifications to participate in the race.

It is the responsibility of the vessels owner and or skipper to see that his or her vessel is seaworthy in hull, rig and gear. Neither USPS District 1 nor the Race Committee will have any responsibility for accidents, injury, or damage to any person or vessel arising out of or in the course of this race regardless of the cause or reason for such incidents.

Skipper _____

Address:: _____

Squadron _____

Phone: _____

Vessel Name _____

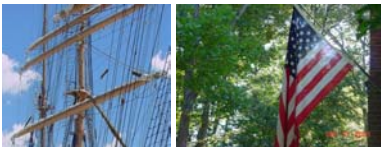
Sail Number _____

PHRF _____ LOA _____

Have you sailed in the D-1 Sail Race in the last 4 years? _____

If yes, the sail race committee probably has your rating certificate on file, and you don’t need to submit a new one unless your boat or sails have changed.

Please complete this form and mail with your \$10.00 entry fee check made out to USPS District 1 to **Jack Kurrus, 1010 Ocean Avenue, New London, Ct 06320**



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tion, and even an online interactive course on the proper use of VHF/DSC radio. These links can be used to supplement our course and seminars materials as online study aids. The public at large can gain a little *freebie* boating education and learn how much they don't know. I hope each and every member takes a look at these pages and links. Let us know what you think. Post your comments on the message board!

Well the summer is finally upon us and I'm happy to report that **Aria** (Doreen and my 31 foot Catalina sloop) is in the water fully commissioned and ready to sail. The last step is to have Lea Jewett come by and give us a Vessel Safety Check. We plan trips to Old Saybrook, Shelter Island, Sag Harbor and the Hamptons, Block Island, and we also plan on joining the Meriden Power Squadron on their extended trip to The Montauk Yacht Club in July.

Wishing you and your crew a happy and fun season! Boat safe.

Tony

Happy Birthday!



June

NAME	TOWN	SPECIAL DAY
Patrick Allen	Groton	7
Debralyn Baker	New London	6
Peter Brouwer. S	Waterford	2
Gail Brown	Waterford	18
Kevin Murphy, AP	Waterford	14
Francis Rago, P	Waterford	21
Wayne Taylor	Quaker Hill	30
Patricia Todd, AP	Gales Ferry	2
Richard Twomey, AP	East Lyme	6

July

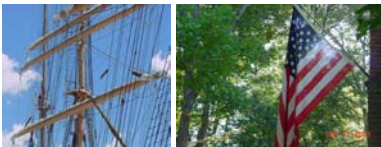
Christopher Wick, JN	Mystic	15
Gregory Allen, AP	Groton	7



Cmdr. Salzarulo; Vessel Examiners Ellen Barbour, Lea Jewett, Daneen Rothand Sea Scout at Burr's Yacht Haven June 14



NLPS Booth at Crocker's Boat Yard, June 7



District 1 is cruisin' for the summer...Come Join the Fun!!

Join the extended cruise for a part or the whole cruise!!

Friday, July 25—Monday, July 28

Meriden Power Squadron /D1 Extended Cruise to Greenport

Extended Cruise 2008 part I. Three nights stay at Townsends Inn and Marina. Come enjoy the pool and bar. Barbecue in the picnic grounds. Shopping/Dining in Greenport.

Contact Ken Bell Jr., MPS Summer Activities Coordinator for travel and reservation information.

860-666-7183. Call Townsend directly at: 1-631-477-2000

kbelljr@cox.net

Tuesday, July 29—Thursday, July 31

MPS/D1 Extended Cruise to Montauk

Extended Cruise 2008 part II. Enjoy three days at the luxurious Montauk Yacht Club Resort. Plans for a beach catered barbecue and other events. Contact Ken Bell Jr., MPS Summer Activities Coordinator for travel and reservation info.

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Friday, August 1—Sunday, August 3

MPS/D1 Extended Cruise to Block Island

Extended Cruise 2008 part III. Finish up our Extended Cruise 2008 with three nights at Block Island Boat Basin. Contact Ken Bell Jr., MPS Summer Activities Coordinator for travel and reservation info.

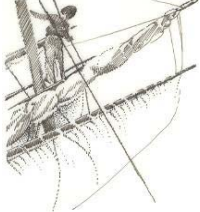
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August 9: Sail Race at Westbrook, Pilot Point Marina. Come race. No Spinnakers. Contact Jack Kurrus for more information or to sign up.

Sept 20: Poker Run, Hamburg Cove.

More details in the Sound of 1 Spring 08 edition.



Looking Back

OVER THE YARDARM

Jack Kurrus, SN



25 YEARS AGO

June/July 1983

This month's issue of the Yardarm started out with a lament from the Squadron Commander Dave Ferrell wishing for some sunny weather to break the long succession of rainy weekends. Elsewhere in the issue was an interesting article:

NOTICE TO YACHTSMAN

Annex V of the inland Navigation Rules states that after 1 January 1983 the operator of each self-propelled vessel 38 feet or longer shall carry on board and maintain for ready reference a copy of the Inland Navigation Rules.

If you have a forty footer, you may be checked if you are stopped for some other reason. The rules are available from the Government Printing Office, and some of the boating supply house also have reprints which satisfy the requirement.

Note: This summer be on the lookout for a blue and white dovetail flag. The Inland Rules Act 1980 recognizes only the blue and white dovetail international flag "A" as the official signal meaning "I have a diver down, keep clear of me" Commercial divers will be required to have said flag mounted 40 inches above the hull.

50 YEARS AGO

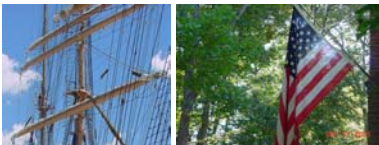
June 1958

The Squadron Commander Sandy Glassman, AP thanked all members at length for taking care of all Squadron business while he had been away (Honey Mooning). But the last paragraph of his message caught my eye as it was typical of the past.

"I wish you all a very safe and pleasant boating season. I feel confident that our sailing crews will keep a weather eye open for any "stink-pots" in distress! (So much for those warm fuzzy feelings about "Sail And Power Squadrons")

Here's one the editor will love. **D I S T R E S S C A L L**

Our **Yardarm** is eagerly awaited and thoroughly read by all hands. It is our best means of keeping us informed and interested in Squadron activities. However, our editors cannot produce and edit a fine paper if they have to spend hours calling the roster for material. Will each committee member please assume the responsibility of calling or writing his news to the editors before the announced deadline each month. Of course all persons are invited to contribute. Let's maintain the high caliber of our YARDARM and force the publishers to expand! Why don't YOU call Edith or Jim just to say hello—they will squeeze the news out of you.



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



In this issue I will present **Rule 10 Traffic Separation Schemes/Vessel Traffic Services**. Rule 10 adds an extra dose of traffic management for a number of specially designated areas having high – traffic density, converging traffic, or some exceptional hazard. In these situations, more conventional navigation rules do not provide a desirable margin of safety. Although conceptually similar, The International Rule 10 and Inland Rule 10 differ completely in methods of application. The International’s “Traffic Separation Schemes” are coastal routing systems that guide oceangoing merchant ships in approaching or departing busy ports and turning points in crowded sea lanes. The Inland “Vessel Traffic Service” are management systems tailored for a particular ports under U.S. jurisdiction. These systems are “active” (as opposed to to “passive”) traffic separation schemes and depend on full-time, shore-based staff and an array of electronic equipment.

International/Inland

Traffic Separation Schemes

(a) This Rule applies to traffic separation schemes adopted by the Organization and does

not relieve any vessel of her obligation under any other rule. *The “Organization” is the*

International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is a body of the United Nations.”

(b) A vessel using a traffic separation scheme shall:

(i) proceed in the appropriate traffic lane in the general direction of traffic flow for that Lane.

(ii) so far as practicable keep clear of a traffic separation line or separation zone.

(iii) normally join or leave a traffic lane at the termination of the lane, but when joining or leaving from either side shall do so at as small an angle to the general direction of traffic flow as practicable.

(c) a vessel shall, so far as practicable, avoid crossing Traffic lanes but if obliged to do so shall cross on a heading as nearly as practicable at right angles to the general direction of traffic flow.

The above is only part of Rule 10, there are eight more sub paragraphs that deserve a thorough reading.

In the United States there are eight Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) which the Coast Guard defines as “integrated systems encompassing the variety of technologies, equipment and people employed to coordinate movements in or approaching a port or waterway” Some of the VTS systems are:

Puget Sound VTS (Seattle, Washington)

Prince William Sound VTS (Valdez, Alaska)

St Mary’s River VTS (Sault St Marie, Michigan)

New Orleans VTS (New Orleans, Louisiana)

While most Yachtsman will never have to use either of these Vessel Traffic Systems a thorough understanding of this rule will help you have a better understanding of what the actions of a large merchant ship will likely be in a meeting, crossing situations.

Sources for this article were:

Farwell’s Rules of the Nautical Road 8th Edition

Handbook of Nautical Rules of the Road By Liana & Wisneskey

Summer is in full swing and so is the fun!

Start out taking some seminars to hone your skills (see page 3)

Take advantage of the cruise week offered by MPS/D1 (see page 5)

Come race in the D/1 Sail Race, August 9.

The Pledge of the United States Power Squadrons:

I do solemnly pledge to:

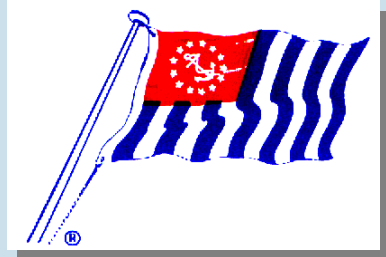
Abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons;

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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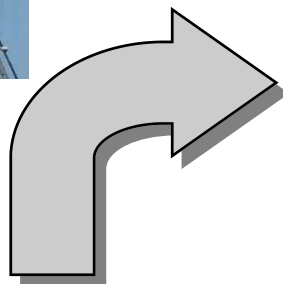
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