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The Cdr's View

Tony Salzarulo



Things are Happening

There has been a buzzing of activity over the last few weeks in the New London Power Squadron - lots of stuff to tell you about this month!

Our Tri-Squadron picnic turned out to be huge success. Besides meeting many people and enjoying the barbecue picnic in Waterford, the Department of Environmental Protection put on a flare demonstration and lecture that was both entertaining and informative. All of us who participated got to try our hand in the use of handheld flares, orange smoke handheld flares, and fire 12 gauge flares from a flare gun. We all carry these flares on our boat but there is no substitution for actually practicing with them.

Our new anniversary billings are in full swing and I renewed my membership dues online. It was easy and quick. Many of you may have noticed that even if you send a check in to renew your dues, the envelope was addressed to headquarters in North Carolina and not our local squadron Treasurer as in the past. This proves to be a real-time saver for us locally. Our dues get deposited into our bank account via electronic transfers twice a month. HQ promised that the deposits would be timely. I have checked online. I am happy to report that they are as promised.

Our education department is hard at work developing the schedule for both our public courses and our member grade courses and electives. The goal here is to develop a schedule of courses that goes far into the future. In this way everyone can know what the future will bring in terms of course offerings. Additionally, when a nonmember asks you what courses are being offered, you will be able to tell them exactly when a particular course is being offered. Alternatively, you can direct the person to the web site where all the planned courses will be listed. Education is what we are all about.

Even if we offer a full array of educational programs and seminars for the public, it doesn't do much good if we can't get the word out to the community. That's where public relations steps in. Our

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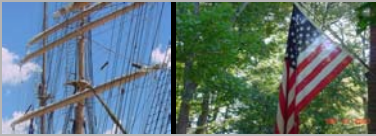


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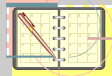
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CALENDAR NLPS Events



<http://www.usps.org>



7 Aug, Tues - Executive Board meeting, Commander Salzarulo's boat, *Aria*, slip E5, Spicer's Marina, Noank, 1900

24 Sep, Mon - Membership Meeting, Seahorse Restaurant, Noank, \$21.99 includes 2 entrees and bottle of wine + tax and tip, 1830. Register with Bob Leete, pay bills individually at restaurant.

District 1 Events

6-7 Jul, — Weekend Rendezvous at Mystic Sea port with Decorate your hat contest, Pasta Dinner on Lawn Saturday PM. Make your own reservations with Dock Office at 860-572-5391.

18 Aug. — Westbrook, SAIL Race, contact Jack Kurrus at 860-442-0056; Predicted Log Contest, contact Alfred Mongillo at 203-734-5213.

22 Sep. — Poker Run at Hamburg Cove. Contact Joe Fernandes, P 860-276-9407

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AHOY SEASONED AND-NOVICE RACERS AND BOATERS!!

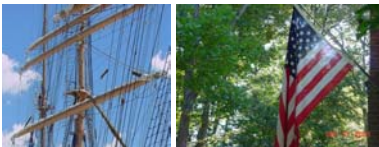
Both the D/1 Sail Race and Predicted Log Contest will be held on **18 August** in Westbrook.

The sail race is a "no spinnaker" race and it will be held in the waters off Duck Island, Westbrook. Following the race there will be a cookout at 1700. Come by land or sea!

Mail application on page 9 to race chairman *Jack Kurrus* at 1010 Ocean Avenue, New London CT 06320, 442-0055, jackkurrus@sbcglobal.net .

If you want to stay over night, contact Pilots Point Marina directly at 860-399-7906 or by e-mail ppm@byy.com

Be advised that Duck Island is off limits to boaters until September 10.



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public relations department has also been hard at work looking for new ways to advertise, developing relationships with marinas and yacht clubs and most recently, taking our message to television. Eleanor Mariani, Lea Jewett, and myself recorded a half-hour public access discussion on the Power Squadron, its history and the courses we teach. (A Jack Kurrus production through Metrocast) We also presented information on the vessel safety examination program and some topics related to the Department of Environmental Protection. The telecast will be aired three times and we should be notified when that will be. The New London Day also publishes the time schedule for these telecasts.

We've had several great executive committee meetings with good attendance and plenty of ideas for our squadron's future. Recently, I tried an "electronic meeting" where I set out an agenda of topics for discussion via e-mail. This proved somewhat successful and I intend to do several more. If you would like to be included in an "electronic meeting" please e-mail me and I will include you on our distribution lists.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful summer.

Happy Birthday!

NAME	TOWN	SPECIAL DAY	MEMBER SINCE
June			
Patrick M. Allen	Groton	7	1998
Debralyn M. Baker	New London	6	1981
Peter H. Brouwer, S	Waterford	2	1993
Gail L. Brown	Waterford	18	1997
Thomas P. Cross, P	Ledyard	21	2004
Rosemary Dempsey		19	2005
Joseph Bruce Moore, AP	E Lyme	30	1988
Kevin H. Murphy, AP	Waterford	14	1988
Francis J. Rago, P	Waterford	21	1986
Wayne A. Taylor	Quaker Hill	30	2005
Patricia A. Todd, AP	Gales Ferry	2	1989
Richard E. Twomey, AP	East Lyme	17	1992
July			
Gregory L. Allen, AP	Groton	7	1998
Christopher Costanzo		22	2005
Gerald F. Tanager, P	Waterford	28	1998
Lt/C Christopher Wick, JN	Mystic	17	1996

D/I PREDICTED LOG CONTEST!!

For the
William E. Andrew Trophy
Saturday August 18
Pilot's Point Marina,
Westbrook, CT
Course: 21.7 nm on LIS

Skipper's Meeting: 0900
at Pilot's Point Marina
Predicted Finish Time:
1500
Contest Fee: \$10.00

Awards Dinner
Cookout at Pilot's Point Marina Clubhouse 1700

Contact Al Mongillo
at 203-734-5213
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Amongillo01@snet.net
for more info.



District 1 Mini-Cruise to Mystic Seaport

Friday, July 6
and
Saturday, July 7

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 6 – arrive by boat. Cocktails on lawn. Everyone is on own for dinner.

Saturday, July 7 –

Decorate a hat contest for kids

Get information on Seaport contest open to all

Pasta Dinner on the lawn

Dockage reservations may be made by reservation form and returning to Summer Activities Chairman Paul Bialecki, by 15 July 2003. The reservation fee must accompany the reservation form in order for it to be valid.

Dockage is \$3.50/ft for non-members of Mystic Seaport, \$2.50/ft for members. This cost includes Museum admission for all those aboard. *It pays to be a member.* Not a member yet, the dockmaster will sign you up upon arrival. Family Member discounts will apply immediately. Not coming by boat, cost of admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for youths ages 6-12, children under 6 are free. Senior discounted admission is \$11. Prices are subject to change.

For more information on the Seaport, dockage and navigation information, please check out their website at www.mysticseaport.com under the VISIT section. For those without web access, give Paul 860-223-1890 or D/Lt/C John Mancini, AP 860-663-1852 a call.

District 1 Raft-Up, 5th Annual Poker Run and Cookout

Saturday, 22 September 2007

Rain Date: Sunday, 23 September



This event offers something for everyone!

RAFT-UP LOCATION: Hamburg Cove

Join us Friday evening or Saturday morning. Look for USPS Ensigns flying!

Stay for a day or weekend!

Don't have a boat, but want to spend time on one? We'll dingy you out to the raft-up.

POKER RUN LOCATION: Pre-selected Hamburg Cove and Connecticut River locations.

Fee: \$3.00

Start Time: 1100

What is a Poker Run?

A Poker Run is an organized event where the objective is to obtain the best poker "hand". A Poker Run is not a race. It's a game of chance. At each checkpoint a sealed envelope containing a playing card is given after correctly answering a boating question. Time doesn't matter. The best hand does. The winner with the best "hand" will win the Grand Prize. There will also be prizes for 2nd and 3rd best hand. Winners will be determined and prizes awarded at the cookout.

All participants must register **before September 22.** Each participating boat navigates to five checkpoints with the help of clues.

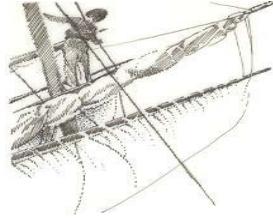
Your boat will be your dingy, sunfish, canoe, kayak or other tender. Don't have a dingy, no problem. Our dingy captains will be happy to dingy you around.

Cookout: Hamburg Cove Yacht Club 1530

Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Bring your own salad.

Cost: \$3.00 per person

For more info contact Joe Fernandes, P (860) 276-9407 of the Meriden Squadron for more details or D/Lt/C Bud Greenbacker (203)238-4520.



Looking Back

OVER THE YARDARM

Jack Kurrus, SN



50 YEARS AGO

We still don't have any 1957 Yardarms to report from and noting that there will only be one issue of the Yardarm over the summer I'm going to report from the June and July 1982 issues.

25 YEARS AGO

June 1982

GREETINGS FROM THE BRIDGE:

This past weekend we took advantage of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Courtesy Safety Inspection of our boat, and several interesting things happened. On our 33 footer, we normally carry eight PFD's, plus an infant PFD for our grandson, a throwable cushion, and a heaving line. Much to our chagrin we found that four of our PFD's were not acceptable, the web straps had rotted so that a good tug separated them from the body. Needless to say, they were replaced and fast. We had also neglected to replace the covers on the battery carriers. All it would take would be to have a metal tool fall across the terminals, and a local space shot may have occurred.

The moral of this story is that another pair of trained eyes can always pick up something that you yourself have omitted or failed to think about. **Have your boat inspected; its good insurance.** *And that's why we have VSE today.*

Respectfully Submitted

R.J.Leventhal

July 1982

As most older Squadron Members know things in USPS change at a snails pace for the most part, so it is interesting to repeat the Cdr. Message from the July 82 Yardarm. It is the prelude to massive changes. See if you can determine what that change was.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

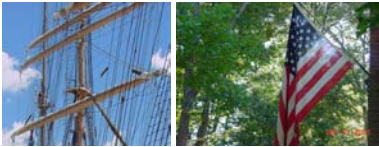
The Tri-Squadron picnic proved to be a real fun time, due primarily to the Herculean effort of the auctioneer, Cdr Walt Hollis of Westerly Power Squadron. He even succeeded in selling off that old veteran of the auction circuits, that Heathkit SW radio. We were a little disappointed with the turnout but hope that other affairs will attract more Squadronites.

A recent communication from National indicated that a large majority of Squadrons were in favor of dropping the "male" requirement for membership from the by-laws and allowing spouses and singles of either sex to join the Squadron, and we think that a good thing.

We're looking forward to a 5-day cruise up the Rhine River next week, and hope to report on it to the members in the next issue of the Yardarm. From the description in the brochure it sounds like a five day eating binge up the Rhine, but I'll try to observe how "Der Kapitan" handles his vessel and try to get some decent castle pix and of course sample some of those fine Rhein Wines.

Don't forget the Coecles Cruise in August. Try Bernie for last minute reservations.

S/C R.J.Leventhal, S



Rules to Live By

Jack Kurrus, SN

We yachtsman like most other sailors don't spend a lot of time discussing or debating the Rules of the Nautical Road. In fact most of our conversations, if any, about the rules most generally refer to the most common or familiar situations including Crossing, Overtaking and Meeting events. While it is good to know how to handle yourself in these three situations its important to know or at least have an awareness if not a "working knowledge" of the other thirty five Rules of the Nautical Road and the five Annexes and two Appendices to the Rules. For US citizens we have two sets of Rules to live by, The International Rules of the Road and the Inland Rules of the Road and we will consider both sets of Rules together.

Each month this column will consider one or two of the rules as appropriate. We will start off with

Rule 1- Application

So where and when do the Marine Navigation Rules or "Rules of the Road," apply? Do the International Rules only apply on international waters (or "High Seas")? Do they apply to large commercial ships or to small boats as well? Rule 1 provides the answers.

International

(a)These Rules shall apply to all vessels upon the high seas and in all waters connected therewith navigable by seagoing vessels.

(b)Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with the operation of special rules made by appropriate authority for the roadsteads, harbors, rivers, lakes or inland waterways connected with the high seas and navigable by seagoing vessels. Such special rules shall conform as closely as possible to these Rules.

Inland.

(a) These Rules apply to all vessels upon the inland waters of the United States, and to vessels of the United States on the Canadian waters of the Great Lakes to the extent there is no conflict with Canadian law.

(b)(i) These Rules constitute special rules made by an appropriate authority within in the meaning of Rule 1(b) of the International Regulations.

(ii)All Vessels complying with the construction and equipment requirements of the International Regulations are considered to be in compliance with these Rules.

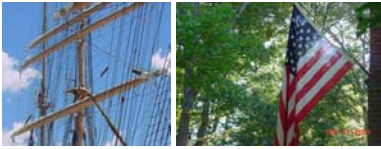
A legal relationship exists between to the two sets of Rules and that relationship is explained, after a fashion, in paragraph (b). The International Rules recognize the existence and usefulness of special (national) rules but admonishes the navigation-rules authority to eliminate unnecessary differences between International and National Rules. Consistency, of course, minimizes confusion, errors and potential collisions.

Note;

Material sources for this article were taken from:

(a) Naval Institute Press –Handbook of the Nautical Rules of the Road

(b) U.S.Dept. of Transportation – Navigation Rules



NLPS Hosts TRI-SQUADRON PICNIC AT HARKNESS PARK, WATERFORD

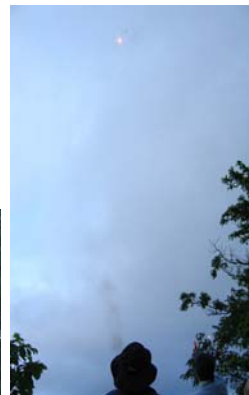
The Tri-Squadron Picnic + 1, hosted by NLPS was held on a dreary day. However, the food was great, the company was wonderful and spirits were still high. The DEP was on hand to collect flares and put on demonstrations about how to use them. They had a variety of flares which people were instructed how to use. The flare collection and demo was open to the public. DEP collected about 1,000 expired flares that evening!



DEP's John Annino discusses safety



Lea Jewett and John Annino demonstrating hand held smoke flares



Using flare guns. Note flare at upper middle of picture



Tony tries out the big gun— 25 mm flare



Trying out the hand held flares



We still have some flares here!!



NLPS Making Waves



D1 Rendezvous at Essex Island Marina and Council Meeting

On June 16 Commander Salzarulo, AP, Lea Jewett, SN and Lt/C Eleanor Mariani, AP (who also represented the DEP) hit the airwaves at our local TV station Metrocast and recorded a 28 minute program on the USPS and Boating Safety that aired June 21 and 26 at 1000. It is slated to air one more time.

P/C Jack Kurrus, SN, stepped in to work the camera so that we could zoom in on various safety equipment props that were brought!



Jack Kurrus behind the camera!

D1 festivities at Essex Island Marina on June 23 were blessed with a great day of weather. There were lots of things for kids and adults alike. The kids had their faces painted, made boating safety posters and tried their hand at shipbuilding by trying to sail their homemade dinghies with a load. For the adults there were flare demos, tours of a USCG homeland security vessel, and a lot of kibitzing.

NLPS was the host of the Council meeting and provided a light lunch. The meeting was well attended. There was a discussion on the restructuring of dues which would make it more attractive for family members to join. The regulations governing Napatree Point, Westerly were discussed. Boaters must not anchor in the area called the "Kitchen". For more info and the lat/lon of the prohibited area, go to the D1 Web blog site, d1events.blogspot.com.

D1 hosted a great cookout at the end of the day.



Cmdr. Salzarulo, Jack Kurrus, Eleanor Mariani and Lea Jewett under the bright lights



Kids hard at work at the Boating Safety Post Contest. Felicia Murallo of NLPS (daughter of Yardarm editor Eleanor Mariani), in foreground.

Cmdr Salzarulo, Lt/C Steve Kuenkler, Lt/C Ellen Barbour and P/C Jack Kurrus enjoying themselves.





Report from the SEO

Lt/C Ellen Barbour, SN



I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer and taking advantage of the beautiful weather. Remember to think about furthering your knowledge as well. We are finishing up a series of four seminars that were well received. I think everyone got a lot of them.

Dates to Remember:

July 11 thru Aug 22, 7—9 pm—**Boating Class**—*qualifies for DEP Coastal Endorsement Program Decal*

September 5 for 9 weeks: **Seamanship**

September 2007— **Jr. Navigation**

January, 2008 for 8 weeks—**Piloting**

March, 2008 for 10 weeks—**Advanced Piloting**

September 2008—**Navigation**

The elective courses, **Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance, Weather, Sail, Cruise Planning and Instructor Development**, will be starting in 2008. We will try to get a Planning Calendar to you in the near future. Enjoy your summer.

Challenge yourself: Take a course!

District One Sail Race Entry Form 18 August 2007

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**

Save the Dates - Summer is Here -

6-7 Jul D1 Weekend Rendezvous, Mystic Seaport
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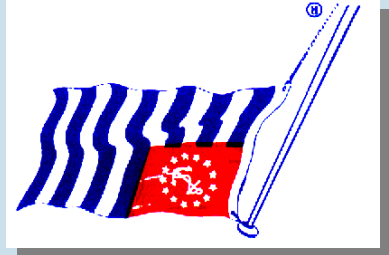
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24 Sep NLP's Membership Meeting, Seahorse Restaurant, Noank (see page 2)

Note: August's Yardarm will be combined with the September issue.

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 Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship;
 Maintain my boat and operate it legally;
 Render assistance whenever possible; and



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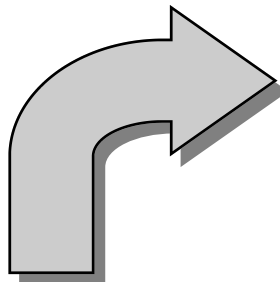
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