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The Cdr's View

Eleanor Mariani;
AP



Greetings,

Thanks to all of you for your membership in New London Power Squadron – especially in these tight economic times! The Change of Watch is over and I am pleased to have been installed as your Commander. First off, I want to say it is an honor to follow Commander Chris Jordan. His enthusiasm for the Squadron is contagious. The Executive Board and I want to make sure you get what you are paying for and most importantly, want to offer some fun low key events this summer.....because.....boating season is here!!!!

We will be contacting you over the next few weeks to better understand how to tailor the Squadron to the membership. I joined in 1986 (yikes!!) for the great courses. Anyone who has not taken Advanced Piloting is missing, what I found to be, the most useful course to give you confidence and the knowledge to have a great time venturing into Long Island Sound and boating up and down the coast. At the time, my husband and I had a C&C 27 sailboat which we cruised and raced for about 10 years. As life changed so did my needs from the Squadron. In fact, for a number of years I was pretty inactive. Now is my time to give back and I am hoping the Executive Board and I can invigorate those that have been inactive for a long time and interest the new members to get involved.

USPS has three primary focuses: Continuing boating education, civic service and camaraderie. As a

volunteer organization, we count on members to get involved. Hopefully, you are interested in at least one of the major topics. When we give you a call, let us know how we can help you to get involved. If you want a class, we have the ability to teach: Seamanship, Piloting, Plotting and Position Finding, Celestial Navigation, Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Sailing, and much more. Your membership provides tangible benefits (see page XX for a bulleted summary). Make sure you take advantage of the awesome discounts.

Over the next few articles, I will inform you of other benefits and tools that USPS is putting at your fingertips and what I see as a vision for the NLPS. In the meantime, my boat (22' Grady White) is going in for Memorial Day Weekend. Hope to see you on the water this summer. Stay tuned for some fun activities!!!

Eleanor

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CALENDAR

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NLPS Events

14 June Executive Committee Meeting at Cdr Mariani's Home @ 1900

21 June Tri - Squadron Picnic. See page 7 for details

Other Events

25 June---- D-1 Rendezvous @ Essex Island Marina. Call Squadron Cdr for Tickets (860)42-8007 See page 3 for details.

16-18 July---- D-1 Renedezvous @ Shelter Island . See details on page 3.

14 August-----D-1 Sail Race @ Westbrook CT. See page 3 for details.

11 September---- 8th Annual D-1 Raft Up, Poker Run and Cookout @ Hamburg Cove. See page 5 for details



June Birthdays



<u>Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Town</u>
Karen S. Volkmar	04	Niantic
Debbie M. baker	06	New London
Kevin H. Murphy	14	Waterford
Francis J.P.Rago	17	Waterford
Gail L. Brown	18	Lincolntonville Center, ME

Happy Birthday to You !!!

May2010 be the best year ever !!!



SEO News

Chris Jordan AP,



We are just about ready to wrap up our spring ABC 3 course. We have 10 students, including 2 Sea Scouts from SSS 584. We have also “shaken up” our usual format of teaching to try to slow down the dizzying pace of the class. We are currently exploring new, different, creative and inventive ways to add some of the excitement and fun back into the classes like it was in the “good old days”.

This is also a wonderful opportunity for our members to come to the class and show their support for our prime objective. Our prime objective is boater education. The most important thing that we do to carry out this objective is teaching the ABC 3 course.

Have a great summer!!

SEO Chris Jordan

PIN code cutover draws near

USPS has been distributing PIN codes with dues notice for more than a year. The time is approaching when a logon with a PIN code will be required to accomplish any secure or job related use of the website. You can set up your security profile at www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/tools/securiy/questions.cgi If you forget your PIN or have lost it, ITCOM has two videos demonstrating how to recover

THE ADMIN OFFICER SPEAKS



Greetings to All,

This is my first report to all of you as your new Administrative Officer. I just wanted to let you all know that on July 25, 2010 we are once again having our summer party. It is being held at Commander Eleanor Mariani’s home in Quaker Hill beginning at 12:00P.M.

The Planned menu for the day will be Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Lobsters, Steamers, Soda, and Beer. If any of you wish to have any other alcoholic beverages, I ask that you B.Y.O. B. Also if anyone would like to bring a dish or a desert to share please let me know. The cost will be \$25.00 a person.

I would also like to ask all the members of our squadron to kindly send me an email at kim.boswell08@gmail.com, or give me a call at either 860-774-4048 or 860-933-9875 to RSVP with me no later than July 17th and let me know who will be attending this upcoming event.

Throughout the summer I will be working on meetings for the upcoming fall and winter. Please keep your eyes on the yardarm for upcoming information. Also if any of you have any ideas for events you would like to see take place with the squadron, feel free to contact me with any and all ideas. I will put my best effort into seeing what we can do as a squadron to get things done and maybe even have more gatherings to bring our squadron together.

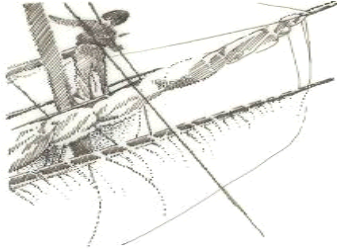
Until the next tide change, be safe.

In Memory Of

Richard E Tuomey, AP

A long time member of the New London Power Squadron

Who past away on May 12, 2010



Looking Back



OVER THE YARDARM

25 YEARS AGO

June 1985

Be Proud of your Ensign

The term ensign historically describes a national flag, but has been adopted also to describe the flags of naval services and nation wide maritime organizations. More than just a flag The USPS ensign has been accorded much dignity since its design in 1916. It is permitted to be flown in place of the Yacht or U.S. ensign while in domestic waters. The USPS ensign may be flown only from 0800 till sunset, except when entering or leaving port.

Take pride in your membership. Fly your Ensign

FOG by Dolores

*I am an island no one can see
Because the fog has surrounded me
Billowing by are eerie things
Or are they just imaginings?
My sense of direction is completely gone
The old familiar lighthouse horn
Seems to be blowing from the South
Yet I know it's north to the rivers mouth
Here we are each alone
Left to find our own way home.*

50 YEARS AGO

June 1960

Considering the Be Proud of your Ensign article 25 years later, I found it interesting that the then Commander Ralph E. Sargents June message end as follows:

Summer is here -- so is boating -- safe and sane boating --So-o-o-o-o DON'T FORGET what your instructors taught you in the classrooms, and then you can FLY YOUR ENSIGN PROUDLY.

The announcement of the District 1 Rendezvous really caught my eye.

DISTRICT 1 RENDEZVOUS

U.S.C.G.ACADEMY 30 JULY 1960

ADMISSION: Adults \$5.00
Children under 12 \$3.00

Follow on notes revealed that not only was the D-1 Rendezvous held the weekend of 30 July but the D-1 Sail Race, three classes, was conducted and so arranged that all racers would be back in time for the Rendezvous Dinner at the Academy.

If all this wasn't enough to get you to participate then perhaps the start of the District Cruise on Sunday 31 July 1960. The Cruise Chairman P/C John McLaren, AP plans for the boats on the "short" and "long cruise" to leave the docks at the Coast Guard Academy for Montauk Harbor. On Monday the smaller boats on the "short Cruise" will head westward into Peconic Bay and Great South Bay and the boats on the "long cruise" will head for Block Island and points east. Now that's a fulsome Rendezvous !!



PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR M. JODI RELL

WHEREAS, Safe Boating Week is a campaign designed to celebrate the excitement and recreational sport of boating, while warning against the dangers of boating and spreading the message to always wear a life jacket; and

WHEREAS, on average and according to the National Safe Boating Council, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States and nearly 70% are caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of the boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today if they had worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of boating accidents are not caused by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors and since modern life jackets are more comfortable and more wearable than styles of years past, life jackets deserve a fresh look by today's boating public; and

WHEREAS, each year, as boating season arrives, it is important to remind Connecticut boaters about the dangers of boating and the easy way to combat those dangers by wearing a life jacket and dressing for the water temperature especially when on small boats; and

WHEREAS, during National Safe Boating Week, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), partnered with the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCG AUX), and the United States Power Squadrons (USPS), is renewing the State's commitment to promote the importance of making safe and responsible boating choices while on the water; now

THEREFORE, I, M. JODI RELL, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim May 22 – 28, 2010, as

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

in the State of Connecticut and urge all Connecticut boaters to join with the North American Safe Boating Campaign to "Get It On Connecticut – Wear It." and practice safe boating habits.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO USPS ???

The following are structured to the USPS Member, and can only be a person with a current Membership card. Below is an overview of benefits. See http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/memberbenefits.htm for more details.

- ◆ Free Education
- ◆ Tax Deductions on Dues and some Travel Expenses
- ◆ GPS for Mariners
- ◆ Discounts on Computer Software and Hardware
- ◆ USPS Boat Insurance
- ◆ Reduced Membership Dues with Boats US and all their programs
- ◆ USPS Port Captains
- ◆ Liaison with government agencies-Web sites
- ◆ Discount 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
- ◆ C - MAP Member and Squadron Discounts
- ◆ McGraw Hill On - Line Store - Discounted Books
- ◆ Discounts with Rose Point Navigation Systems,LLC
- ◆ Long term Care Insurance by John Hancock Life Insurance
- ◆ Discount with Hamilton Marine, a Discount Marine Store
- ◆ Rigid Boats - 10% discount
- ◆ Moving Day Boxes - 10% discount
- ◆ Highway Mariners, Discounts at "RV Park Of Choice" located near GB venue
- ◆ Fresh Choice Seafood
- ◆ CVS Photo Business Account Program
- ◆ Maritech Industries - Offers variety of Essential Boating Gear Discounted
- ◆ Ocean Grafix - Offers Member Discount on NOAA Charts



Tri-Squadron Picnic

Monday June 21st, 2010

Time: 1830 -- Place: Westerly Yacht Club
New London, Norwich, Saybrook & Westerly Power
Squadrons.....You'all Come !

Westerly Power Squadron, the Host Squadron, will provide all food and non-alcoholic drinks. Guest Squadron attendees are invited to bring deserts.

All members of New London planning to attend should notify the Squadron Admin. Officer, Kim Boswell, not later than June 14th. Contact Kim @ kim.boswell08@gmail.com or (860)933-9875

See you at the Picnic !



The Pledge of the United States Power Squadrons:

legally;
Render assistance whenever possible; and
Conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor, and respect to 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



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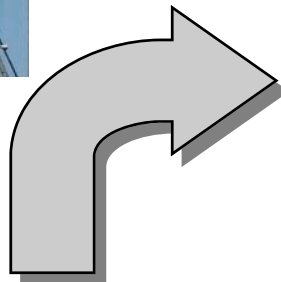
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