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The Cdr's View *Tony Salzarulo*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Happy New Year. That's right, by the time this goes to press New London Power Squadron will be starting another operational year. Your new bridge has been sworn in at the Change of Watch and many of our planned activities for the spring are underway. Spring is a great time of year, especially for those of us that have a passion for boating. Many of the goals that we set out last year will come to fruition this spring. Our safety days and vessel examination days are scheduled for June 7, 14th and 21st. This will be an opportunity to share with the boating community who we are and what we do. I encourage all of our members to participate in these days. After all, I can't think of anything that's more fun than messing around with boats and boat people.

This year also brings some serious challenges to New London Power Squadron. We still do not have an Executive Officer. We're likely to see a limitation in squadron activities and without an Executive Officer, there is no one in line to assume the role of Commander for next year. Many squadrons are experiencing difficulty in filling bridge positions. This is a

function of our modern society - a continuing decline in civic and fraternal organizations. Hopefully, our planned activities this springtime will yield some new interest and some new involvement.

How will we meet these new challenges? I believe that our continued interaction with the boating community, and especially young boaters like the Sea Scouts, will develop and focus our organization in the direction that we need to go. It is through our educational programs that USPS needs to redefine itself to today's recreational boater. To some extent, we have taken steps to do that already. We have programs in place today that hopefully will yield dividends by way of new members and new students. I have been advised that the Department of Environmental Protection is now distributing District 1 information so that new DEP graduates of the basic boating course can be advised of our advanced course offerings. This might bring us some new younger boaters who wish to continue their boating education.

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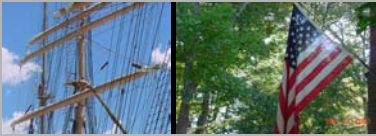
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CALENDAR

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NLPS Events

- 13 May . — Executive Board Meeting, home of Ruth MacDonald
- 12 May. — JN Course starts
- 21 May . — Mystic Planetarium (special program for USPS members, see page 3)
- D1 Events**
- 20-22 Jun . — Rendezvous, Essex Island Marina
- 22—27 Jul. — Rendezvous Greenport, Town send Marina
- 28 Jul.—3 Aug. — Cruise with Meriden Squadron
- 9 Aug. — Sail Race, Westbrook, Pilot Point Marina
- 20 Sep. — Poker Run, Hamburg Cove

Sign Up Today for a Class!



May 2008

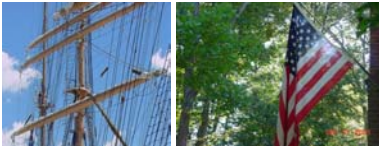
Junior Navigation— May 12 for 6 weeks

July 2008

Squadron Boating Course- Jul 9 for 6 weeks

Contact Lea Jewett to sign up.





Come to MYSTIC PLANETARIUM!!!!

Wednesday, May 21, 2008
7PM



SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The Westerly Power Squadron invites New London Power Squadron members to join with them at their Wednesday, May 21 meeting at the Mystic Seaport Planetarium, 7pm. The Westerly Squadron will provide decaf coffee for a social time preceding the planetarium show, which will feature a presentation specially tailored to the interests of Power Squadron members.

Free admission to the Seaport grounds will be granted to Power Squadron attendees, who should enter through the 'Administrative Entrance', 75 Greenmanville Avenue. This entrance is midway between the North and South general admission gates. Power Squadron attendees may use the administrative parking lot across the street, South of the old Gingham Gate building.

The planetarium charges a \$7.50 entrance fee. Attendees should pay the fee upon entering the planetarium projection hall.

Advance reservations are not required, but the Westerly Power Squadron requests that we give advance notice of the number of New London Power Squadron members expected to attend. **If you plan to attend, please notify P/C Henry Curtis by Monday May 19, at (860) 443-5953, or h-curtis@sbcglobal.net, or by US mail at 18 Susan Terrace, Waterford, CT 06385.**

New London Power Squadron Boating Course Spring 2008

Tentative schedule, all classes meet 6:30pm – 9:30pm (1830 – 2130)

<u>May 12</u>	Chapter 1 – You Are the Skipper Chapter 2 – Boat Terms and Types Chapter 3 – Marine Radiotelephone
<i>Third hour</i>	<i>Chapter 4 – Knots and Lines Chapter 5 - Charts</i>
<u>May 19</u>	Chapter 6- Aids to Navigation Chapter 8 – Boat Handling
<i>Third Hour</i>	<i>Chapter 7 – Piloting: Plotting a Course Chapter 9 – Mariners Compass</i>
<u>May 26</u>	NO CLASS – MEMORIAL DAY
<u>June 2</u>	NO CLASS – SUB VETS MEETING
<u>June 9</u>	Chapter 10 – Government Regs Chapter 12 - Navigation Rules Connecticut Boating Regulations
<i>Third Hour</i>	<i>Chapter 11 – Piloting: Dist., Speed, Time</i>
<u>June 16</u>	Chapter 14 – Adverse Conditions and Emergencies Chapter 15 - Trailing
<i>Third Hour</i>	<i>Chapter 16 – PWC Operation; PWC video Chapter 13 – Piloting: Determining Position</i>
<u>June 23</u>	Review Exam – 50–question NASBLA approved examination; plus 25-question Piloting exam; plus state-specific questions

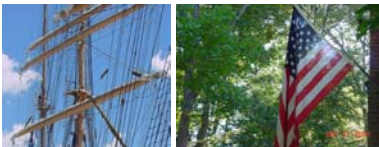
Supplies for the course:

The Squadron Boating Course book \$35.00

The following are for the piloting portion of the course

Dividers \$5.00

Course plotter \$5.00



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More importantly however, we need older boaters. Yes, older boaters! I'm looking for people who have lived a lifetime enjoying recreational boating. Sailing, fishing, kayaking, water sports - it doesn't matter. The person I'm looking for is age fifty-something and older. Maybe they recently retired or maybe the kids are now finally out of the house. The important part is this -- I'm looking for people who are at a point in their life where they're ready to start giving back - ready to start sharing their experiences with others. I'm looking for teachers. We need teachers both in the classroom and on the water. USPS is now offering many course offerings and seminars on an ever increasing variety of topics. We need teachers to teach these programs. Be on the lookout.

The fatal boating tragedy that occurred on the Connecticut River last year is a reminder to us of the importance of safe boating education and responsibility. Through our course offerings, our website, our community involvement, and our vessel examinations, New London Power Squadron continues to inform and educate recreational boaters in greater New London County, and hopefully, such tragedies may be prevented in the future.

Tony

Happy Birthday!

MAY



NAME	TOWN	SPECIAL DAY
Michael Blum, S	Farmington	8
Thomas Clay, Sr., S	Groton	26
P/C John Kurrus, SN	New London	8

NLPS Safety Days

We are looking for volunteers to help spread the word about boating safety. We'll be talking about life jackets and other safety equipment. It will be fun. We have T-shirts to give away and we'll have a great display that was recently purchased.

- ◆ June 7 Crocker's boatyard, New London
- ◆ June 14 Burr's Yacht Haven, New London
- ◆ June 21 Spicer's Marina, Noank

Call Cmdr. Tony Salzarulo if you are interested.

Support in numbers is welcome!



Rules to Live By

By Jack Kurrus, SN



This month I will address Rules 9 Narrow Channels. Vessels navigating narrow channels and fairways face a vastly heightened risk of collision and grounding. With Rule 9, the Rules become more specific. Although Rule 9 applies in all conditions of visibility, it applies only on certain waters and to certain vessels. Rule 9 is also the first to contain significant differences between the International and Inland versions. Two terms used throughout the Rule are not defined. They are “narrow channels” and “narrow fairways”, evidently the drafters assumed the meanings were obvious or else they were not able to formulate concise definitions. Note: Differences between the International and Inland Rules will be shown in Italics.

Rules 9 Narrow Channels

International

(a) A vessel proceeding along the course of a narrow channel or fairway shall keep as near to the outer limit of the channel or fairway which lies on her starboard side as is safe and practicable.

Inland Rules have the following addition to subparagraph (a)

(ii) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and Rule 14(a), a powered driven vessel operating in narrow channels or fairways on the Great Lakes, Western Rivers, or waters specified by the Secretary, and proceeding downbound with a following current shall have the right-of-way over an upbound vessel, shall propose the manner and place of passage, and shall initiate the maneuvering signals prescribed by Rule 34(a)(i), as appropriate. The vessel proceeding upbound against the current shall hold as necessary to permit safe passing.

(b) A vessel of less than 20 meters in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.

(c) A vessel engaged in fishing shall not impede the passage of any other vessel navigating within a narrow channel or fairway.

(d) A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such narrow channel or fairway. The latter may use the sound signal prescribed in Rule 34(d) if in doubt as to the intention of the crossing vessel.

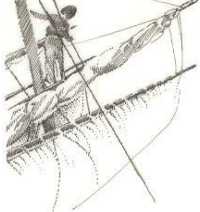
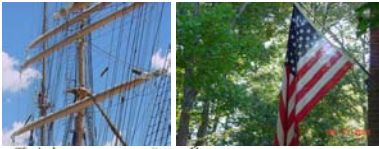
(e)(i) In a narrow channel or fairway when overtaking can take place only if the vessel to be overtaken has to take action to permit safe passing, the vessel intending to overtake shall indicate her intention by sounding the appropriate signal as prescribed in Rule 34(c)(i). The vessel to be overtaken shall, if in agreement, sound the appropriate signal; prescribed in Rule 34(c)(ii) and take steps to permit safe passing. If in doubt she may sound the signal prescribed in Rule 34(d).

(ii) This Rule does not relieve the overtaking vessel of her obligation under Rule 13.

Inland Rules subparagraph (e)

(e)(i) In a narrow channel or fairway when overtaking, the vessel intending to overtake shall indicate her intention by sounding the appropriate signal prescribed in Rule 34(c) and

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Looking Back

OVER THE YARDARM

Jack Kurrus, SN



25 YEARS AGO

May 1983

The May 1983 issue was full up with pictures of the Change of Watch that had just happened in April. Dave Ferrell had been installed as Commander, John Robinson as X.O., Bob Bulford as SEO, Bernie Baker as Admin Officer, and Dolores Loprinze was Squadron Secretary, This was the first year women could be members of the Power Squadron and Dolores was starting on her long trek to be District Commander. Much like the passing of horse and buggies and Black and white TV's the ever popular Predicted Log contest is long gone. Nevertheless there was an interesting article titled:

Predicted Logging

This is no more than estimating what time it will take to travel by vessel from one point to another, and then seeing how close you can come to your estimate. It put into practice all the things you learned in AP class. We have two Predicted Log Contests each summer in which boaters pit their skills against each other. The first one will be sponsored by District One and will be Saturday July 18 at River Landing Marina on the Connecticut River. Entrance forms are available from Bernie Rogers or Marland Shoemaker.

The annual Tri-Squadron Predicted Log will be run on Saturday, August 20th in Fishers Island Sound. This year to make it easier for novices there is no restriction on running trial legs of the course in advance. Copies of the course and the rules are available from Marland Shoemaker.

If you would like to try this for the first time but are hesitant, call Bob Patric, Bernie Rogers or Marland Shoemaker, any of whom will be glad to assist you in your initial event

A. Marland Shoemaker, N
Chairman Predicted Log Contest

50 YEARS AGO

May 1958

The May 1958 issue of the Yardarm was the first opportunity for the newly installed Squadron Commander, Sanford Glassman to write a Commanders message, this is what appeared:

Commanders

S/C Sanford Glassman has been launched in the sea of matrimony. While no message was forthcoming we wish to extend a message of best wishes to him and his bride from the entire squadron,. Congratulations Commander !

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Rules to Live By (continued)

take steps to permit safe passing. The overtaken vessel, if in agreement, shall sound the

same signal. If in doubt she shall sound the danger signal prescribed in Rule 34(d).

(f)A vessel nearing a bend or an area of a narrow channel or fairway where other vessels may be obscured by an intervening obstruction shall navigate with particular alertness and caution and shall sound the appropriate signals prescribed in Rule 34 (e).

(g)Every vessel shall, if the circumstances of the case admit, avoid anchoring in a narrow channel.

Sources for this article were:

- a. Farwell's Rules of the Road 8th Edition
- b. Handbook of the Nautical Rules Of The Road, Naval Institute Press



Change of Watch Fun!

NLPS's new display courtesy of the Boat/US Grant and purchased by Jack Kurrus



Commander Salzarulo, AP gets sworn in by District Commander Elaine Williams, AP



Lea Jewett, SN is presented with an award for Vessel Safety Checks



Past Commander Henry Curtis wins a raffle!

Bob Payette is recognized for all the work he has done for NLPS over the years. THANKS, BOB!!



Come to the Mystic Planatarium,

Wednesday, May 21

7pm

**Westerly PS has invited us to a join
them for a special presentation**

(see page 3 for more details)

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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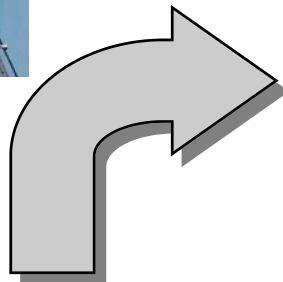
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