



D/2 NEWS



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN

Let's Get the Word Out! has been the theme of this watch and with Paul Okura spearheading the Marketing and PR effort much has been accomplished. Squadrons are now branding documents, newsletters, websites, flyers and even their email signatures with the 100th anniversary logo. New metal signs and banners are proudly displayed at squadron events. Boat show booths hand out USPS promotional material, and schedules of courses in the area. We have designed a magnetic sign to put on cars/trucks for squadrons to advertise our boating courses. Thanks to everyone for this great effort; let's keep it up.



National now uses our plan and materials created for the Greenwich POTW event and shows our video as an example of good marketing. Other Districts copy us – the best form of flattery.

CT squadrons in District 1 and 2 have collaborated to produce the first United States Power Squadrons' ad in the Boater's Guide. 96,000 copies will be distributed throughout the State.

On the water classes? YES! Many of us feel this is the future of USPS, but Squadrons need help in providing a venue and the boats for them. In order to advance the BOC (Boat Operator Certification) program, District held multiple seminars for members and the public, including one on the water at our Summer Council and one on land at the Winter Council. District helped with many other on the water efforts, and all in almost 100 members have taken advantage of these. In addition there have been many activities for underserved children, with safe boating lessons given, 'Pirate Days' and probably about 150 children have been taken out on members' boats.

Boating is fun. . . we'll show you how!®

With the Best Practices section now on the D/2 website, we have guides for Squadrons on the following:

Short ABC Course: to give over two half-days to adults, or over three half-days to children

Flare/Up! how to organize, how to run – a great contribution to your boating community

Boating classes for children: some tried and true lesson plans

Newsletter: pointers for editors to consider

Events/Speakers: many practical suggestions; keep an 'Ideas' folder for these

Member Involvement: an elementary 'how to' that needs to be taken further

Vessel Safety Checks: a good service to the community, and to attract new members

Social Media: do you have someone working on this?

(And soon to be posted, ABC3 a guide to District's most successful basic boating course)

District Meetings; This year's breakouts have been varied and well received and planned to help all aspects of what we do. We have had more attendees than ever, so camaraderie is alive and well.

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(Commander's Message continued from P. 1.)

Now, let's practice what we preach – and get everyone out on the water, SAFELY!



As this is my last message as Commander, I want to thank everyone who has contributed so much to making this such a successful year, especially the Bridge Officers. It's been active, worthwhile, and very satisfying to me personally to see my ideas put into operation.

The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The tide rises, the tide falls,
The twilight darkens, the curlew calls;
Along the sea-sands damp and brown
The traveller hastens toward the town
And the tide rises, the tide falls.
Darkness settles on the roofs and walls
But the sea, the sea in darkness calls;
The little waves, with their soft, white hands,
Efface the footprints in the sands
And the tide rises, the tide falls.
The morning breaks; the steeds in their stalls
Stamp and neigh, as the hostler calls;
The day returns, but nevermore.
Returns the traveller to the shore,
And the tide rises, the tide falls.



Paddle wheeler at Cambridge, MD.

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Executive Officer: D/Lt/C Howard A. Sklar, AP

As my report as the District Executive Officer is in your seat packet at the Spring Conference, since the fishing season quickly approaches, I thought I'd share some of my many favorite fish and seafood recipes. Now, you all don't have to be fisherman to enjoy these recipes as you can purchase your fish and seafood at the market. Just don't



tell anyone that you did, it will be our secret. Here is one recipe to keep you warm in the early spring; it is a "Lazy Man Chowder."

Lazy Man Chowder - serves 4

Ingredients:

One can of potatoes -12 to 16 ounces

1 medium onion – chopped

3 slices of bacon

2 cups of chicken broth or bouillon

1 to 2 cans of condensed milk

1 pound of any fish you like – my choice is flounder or sea bass or a dozen shucked clams.

Directions

Fry the bacon until the fat is rendered. Sauté the chopped onion in the fat, add some butter if needed. Cut the potatoes into small chunks, add to onions and crumbled bacon, cover with the broth/bouillon and bring to boil, add fish or clams in large chunks. Simmer until fish / clams are cooked and add as much of the condensed milk as you like, but not less than one can.

There you go quick and easy chowder. Move over Boston.

The last time we went fishing before the boat was hauled we fished for Blackfish (Tog) off of Execution Rock and Huckleberry Island in the Long Island Sound. That day we were very lucky and landed the limit with one fish well over 8 lbs. Blackfish is a great eating fish and one recipe the family really likes is:

Blackfish (or any fish you like) with Tomatoes, Basil, and Littleneck Clams serves 4 and ready in 30 minutes.

Ingredients:

1 ½ pound of fish fillets

Salt to taste

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon butter

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 ½ cup canned plum tomatoes chopped

15 basil leaves, washed, julienned

2 cups of white wine – one for you and one for the dish

18 to 24 live littleneck clams, unopened shells, well washed

Directions:

Season the fish with salt and pepper. In a large skillet, with lid, over medium heat, heat the olive oil and butter. Add the fish and sauté on each side for 3 minutes. Remove the fish and keep warm.

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To the pan, add the garlic and cook 1 minute, add the tomatoes and cook 2 minutes. Add the basil and 1 cup of wine and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Place the fish back in the pan over the tomatoes. Place clams around periphery of sauté pan.



Reduce to simmer and cover with lid. Cook until all clams open about 8 to 10 minutes. Optional - serve with garlic aioli and crusty bread (crusty bread a must for dipping).

There you have it, a meal fit for a king or a commander.

And finally a shell fish dish.

Spinach ala Oysters – serves 4

Ingredients

1 dozen shucked oysters

1 package of cream spinach – Seabrook is preferred

1 lemon

½ cup bread crumbs – Italian seasoned

½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

½ stick of sweet butter

¹/₄ cup of fresh chopped parsley

Directions

Place a tablespoon full of the cream spinach on the oyster shell, and then place the oyster on the spinach.

Mix together the bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, butter, and lemon juice from lemon

Place mixture on top of the oyster and broil about 4 inches from flame until bread crumbs are lightly browned

Sprinkle with parsley and serve

Well, there you have it three great recipes that are easy to prepare and taste great.

I will be looking for you out on the water. If you are in the sound on a sunny day in June or July, hail the Amy Lisa, and we can share some fish stories. I do have some whoppers.

Respectfully submitted.







Orchids from NY Botanical Garden 2013 Orchid show

Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Denise A. Terry, P

I would like to take part of my space in this issue to thank D/C Susan Ryan for putting together one of the best attended Winter Council meetings in a very long time. I hope that we can offer the programs that the members of District 2 want to attend with relevant interesting speakers and seminars. With a crowd of over 50 people the room was full and we were able to meet people that don't normally attend District meetings.



Thank you also goes out to P/Lt/C Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg for handling reservations and registration and finding a new location.

In order for us to continue this trend, the District Bridge needs to know what you want to see and do at these meetings. Come to the Spring Conference in Tarrytown, NY for the weekend of April 19-21, 2013 and talk to us. This will be another opportunity for great programs and to see what is happening at both the District and National levels as there is A LOT going on!

Have you heard about the Brunswick Dealer Advantage program? No? Come find out about it! Yes? Come find out more! The program is off and running and looks to be a win-win for everyone. If you are having difficulty securing locations for courses and seminars and getting the students in the door, this is a prime opportunity. If your Squadron hasn't applied for consideration, contact DEO George Hallenbeck before the Conference for an application.

In case you haven't noticed, my grade has changed! I have taken and passed Piloting and have started AP. This is going to be another busy year!

Come to the Spring Conference to find out where your District Bridge has been and will be heading as well as what we have been up to. You will also be able to hear from your new incoming officers.

See you in April...





D/2 members at D/1 Spring Conference, Manchester, CT Including

D/2 Cdr Susan P. Ryan, JN, R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN & DEO George R. Hallenbeck, AP

Photo credits D/Lt/C Denise A. Terry, P

Educational Officer: R/C George R. Hallenbeck, AP

On-the-water has been the theme for the past couple of years, and it will continue to be an important topic for our educational efforts – as it should be. On-the-water is an area where the Squadrons can distinguish themselves, attract new members, and keep current members involved. It is important!



However, in developing the recent VHF/DSC seminar for the Winter Council, we discovered some interesting facts that I'd like to share with you – so that you might have them for reference when you teach this seminar to your Squadrons. I hope you find them useful in the classroom!

Digital Selective Calling (DSC) – which is the foundation for the emergency "Red Button" – has been mandatory on all VHF fixed mount radios manufactured after 1999. In 2011 the standards were upgraded, discontinuing the very basic "SC-101" DSC radios in favor of "Class D" units that include more advanced features that allow the unit to "watch" several channels at once. Tell your students to watch out for "special deals" on the old SC-101's – since they do have limitations.

Now, hand-held VHFs are coming on line – and this is going to be a great boon to our colleagues who enjoy paddle sports. When a paddler gets into trouble, s/he needs a radio that floats, and "knows right where it is." The new top-of-the-line hand-held units have all the regular DSC features (especially the "Red Button") and their prices are coming down weekly so that one model is already under \$200 and the others are trying to compete through special discounts. Look for units from Standard Horizon, Lowrance and ICOM. Each of these radios has a built-in GPS, a unit ID (the MMSI – see more on this below) and the full menu of DSC features for emergencies, position reports, position requests, and routine testing.

Getting the Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) continues to be an easy process. If you plan to stay within U.S. waters – you can get your number for free, right from the United States Power Squadrons at www.usps4mmsi.com You will be issued a 9-digit number right away – and that number should be entered into all the radios on your boat. One boat, one number.

If you are an international traveler (Canada, Caribbean, Europe), you need to get your MMSI from the FCC, for a fee.

What we recently confirmed with the Coast Guard is that as many as 80% of the calls they receive lack an MMSI number. Worse than that, of the DSC calls that are received, few have the location of the caller embedded in the signal. This means that the boater has not linked the DSC radio to an on-board GPS – what a shame!

We also found out that the regulators are working with the manufacturers to overcome the problem of having a lock on the number of times a new MMSI can be entered into the unit, and the problem of having the radio's MMSI altered without being sent back to the manufacturer. Both issues are moving at "glacial" speed – but when they are resolved, they will ease up on the problems of implementation of the system.

Also in the works is a change to the DSC emergency menu, so that "medical" emergency can be added to the 10 codes that are already available (fire/explosion, flooding, collision, grounding, listing/capsize, sinking, disabled/adrift, abandoning, piracy, MOB).

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This should be very helpful in allowing the shore-based resources to be ready to receive those who were injured in an accident. This "nature of the emergency" option is often overlooked in our training, and I believe it is important. You see, a quick press of the red button does not send the emergency message. Rather, it brings up a menu of the "nature of the emergency." Once you select a code for that, you need to press-and-hold the red button for five seconds (the details are slightly different according to the manufacturer). Then the emergency call will be broadcast, including the useful "nature of the emergency" code.



Finally – you should emphasize to your classes that there are some vital steps in making the "Red Button" effective: get an MMSI, connect a GPS to your VHF/DSC, run the automated test from the CG (their test MMSI is 003 669 999 – you will get an automated acknowledgement), get familiar with the system, and then TRAIN YOUR CREW about using the VHF and the "Red Button." If your seminar's students can take home these points - you have succeeded!

So for now, I'm signing off – after six years as ADEO and DEO: Over, but not Out!



REMEMBER WHAT WE LEARNED AT D2's WINTER COUNCIL: VHF/DSC RADIOS AND THE "RED BUTTON"

- Get your free MMSI (phone number!) from USPS at www.usps4mmsi.com
- 2. Wire your VHF/DSC and your GPS together (4 wires it's easy read the manual)
- 3. Use the DSC features, run an automated test with the Coast Guard @ 003 669 999
- 4. Call some other DSC-equipped colleagues get comfortable with the system
- 5. Train your crew to "PUSH THE RED BUTTON" in an emergency, & how to use the VHF push-to-talk
- 6. Sit back, relax, and enjoy boating, knowing that your crew can deal with a problem

USE THESE POINTS WHEN PRESENTING A VHF/DSC SEMINAR TO YOUR OWN MEMBERS IF YOU NEED HELP IN SETTING UP A VHF/DSC SEMINAR - CONTACT YOUR DEO

Hand held VHS radio with MMSI

Prepared by P/C Frank B. Kemp, JN

'The One Thing I was Good at was Driving a Boat'

The image of the young kid driving the well-worn little tub named *Whisper* was just what I was looking for. I'd been browsing through a stack of old Soundings newspapers last week, looking for covers to use as part of a layout celebrating our 50th anniversary. This cover photo from March 1974 struck me as particularly evocative of the "old days."

To my eye, it captured the youth and innocence and spirit of boating in another era. It was all forward motion. And it also pointed to one of the important challenges we're wrestling with today. As an industry, we know how important it is to get more young kids out on the water. They're our future. Looking at the photo, I wondered, Was it somehow easier back then? Surely simpler. Or maybe I am simply viewing the past through a sentimental haze. Regardless, I was willing to bet that if the barefoot young fellow with one knee on a seat cushion, one hand on the wheel and both eyes on the horizon was still on this planet, we'd find him at the helm of a considerably larger boat. Young as he was, he looked as if he was already well on his way to being every bit as "ruined" as the rest of us, destined for a life in boats.

The dinghy might have seen better days, but I suspect it was a magic carpet for the young skipper. The boy and his boat spoke of pirate dreams, harbor adventures, independence, freedom, fun — and also to a good grounding in the basics of boating, including bailing out the plywood flier after it rained. The boat had an anchor, a paddle and a hand pump, and I bet the boy not only knew how to start the little outboard but also how to keep the balky 4-hp Johnson running.

OK, so he's not wearing a life jacket, but keep the time frame in mind: It's 1974. How many of us were even wearing seat belts back then?

I thought it would be interesting to see how this young man turned out. We knew his name from the cover caption. Could we find him? Managing editor Rich Armstrong and I started sleuthing and came up with several phone numbers. I dialed some of them in Florida and North Carolina and left voicemails.

My phone rang recenty. "Hi, I'm Sam Paige," said the man on the line. "I think you're looking for me." We talked for about 15 minutes. Paige had indeed made a career on the water. He had gotten his 100-ton Coast Guard license and had been running boats out of Fort Lauderdale as a paid captain for almost 25 years, including a 90-foot Westport and a pair of 80-foot Lazzaras. "I was a lousy student," says Paige, who is 51. "The only thing I was good with is boats." *Whisper* was handed down to Paige by his uncle, Spider Andresen, the former publisher of Salt Water Sportsman magazine, who also used it as a boy. Andresen's father, John, who was Paige's grandfather, built it. Small world. Paige grew up on the water in Marblehead, Mass. The blisters on his feet came from running on the docks at the Eastern Yacht Club. Steve Haesche took the cover photo just after Paige passed beneath the club's pier. Paige was about 12 in the photograph, and clearly at home on the water. He says that when he was 16 or 17 he was helping to operate the club's 42-foot Down East committee boat. He also had a summer job on a private 48-foot Hatteras when he was in his teens. And at 18, he drove a launch in Salem, Mass. "The one thing I was good at was driving a boat," he recalls with a laugh.

As far as Paige knows, *Whisper* is still alive and kicking, being used by some young family member on a lake in his home state. "It's still running," he says. After many years of operating private yachts, Paige relocated to North Carolina, where he is working as a paramedic until his two children, ages 14 and 17, move into the college phase. "Then," he says, "it's back to boats and Florida," where he still has a condo in Key Largo. "My first love," he says, "will always be the ocean."

Contributed by William Sisson, Senior Editor of Soundings www.soundingsonline.com

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Highlighting one of our many active members. Submitted by Cdr Susan P. Ryan, JN.



Paul Okura, the new Commander of Westchester Sail & Power Squadron is a graduate of NYU with a BFA and MBA. He is currently President of CMIT Solutions of Southern Westchester which is part of a nationwide IT service company with more than 130 locations throughout the U.S.

He is the President of Anne Hutchinson School PTA in Eastchester, a mentor at the Westchester County Association, a mentor at the NYU Stern Business School and actively involved with many other business organizations.

Prior to CMIT Solutions, Paul was SVP and Division Head for The Bank of New York Mellon at One Wall Street and before that he was head of Global Financial Institutions Group at The Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ.

He loves boating and dancing. When he was young, he used to compete in amateur Dance Sport competitions in the US and in Japan. He appeared as an extra in the original Japanese movie, "Shall We Dance?" He is married to Harriet and has two daughters, Hiromi and Kazumi and one son, Kenji. He has a chocolate lab named "Henry" who thinks he is bilingual in Japanese and English.



Cdr & D/2 PRO Paul K. Okura, S, Westchester S&P Squadron



"March 2nd photo of the graduates of the 2013 Safe Boating Certificate course given at the Greenwich Boys and Girls Club. Greenwich SEO Andy Cummings has taken the 'Two-Day ABC Course' for use with these 12-year olds from underserved families of Greenwich. The class was given over four Saturday mornings at the Boys and Girls Club and thanks to Andy's good instruction - and their own diligence - all passed with over 90%. Kevin Wing passed with 100% on both the Squadron test and the CT state test. This is the boy who last year had failing grades and was destined school make work. go to summer He pleaded to go on the Young Mariners sailing program instead. The next semester his grades rocketed to all. As and when asked how this happened, he said: 'The sailing program showed me how to learn; how to focus.' He has since b e c o m e mentor for t h e class that followed him.

Their graduation was appropriately marked with cake and sodas, and each graduate was presented with a USPS cap. As these graduates are automatically GSPS members, Susan gave them each the USPS pledge. She gave Kevin a GSPS burgee, which he said he would put in his locker for all to see.

This class was the first to undergo the new way of obtaining the CT Safe Boating Certificate. It's on line, and involves several steps that have been given to the CT SEOs. Fortunately, District Educational Officer R/C George Hallenbeck, AP, was on hand on this occasion to guide the class through the process."



Dana Sissons and D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN

For the first time, DEEP allowed advertising in their CT Boater's Guide and the CT Squadrons of District 1 and District 2 worked together to sponsor a full page ad. Dana Sissons, daughter of Norwalk Commander Mike Brown. And member of the Norwalk Squadron, is the designer of the ad and is shown here at Norwalk's Change of Watch.



Sunset on the Sound



Spinnaker flying downwind



Friday

15:00 - 17:00

16:30 - 17:30

Registration





United States Power Squadrons®

District 2 Spring Conference 2013 Hosted by

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At The Westchester Marriott 670 White Plains Road • Tarrytown • NY (914) 631-2200 • (See reverse side for directions)

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FROM WESTCHESTER: Take 287 West to exit 1 just before NYS Thruway I-87. At the end of the exit ramp turn right onto Route 119, go past hotel on left (1/4 mile) and make U-turn at first traffic light. Hotel will then be on your right.

FROM SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT: South on Merritt Parkway: Boston Post Road or Connecticut Turnpike

to I-287 West to exit 1 just before NYS Thruway I-87. At the end of the exit ramp turn right onto Route 119, go past hotel on your left (1/4 mile) and make U-turn at first traffic light. Hotel will then be on your right.

FROM THE NORTH: (East of Hudson River)

Route I-84 E or W to Route I-684 S: Take 684 South to 287 West to exit 1 just before NYS Thruway I-87. At the end of the exit ramp turn right onto Route 119, go past hotel on your left (1/4 mile) and make U-Turn at first traffic light. Hotel will then be on your right.

FROM THE NORTH: (West of Hudson River)

From NY Thruway (I-87) South: Take New York Thruway (I 87) South across the Tappan Zee Bridge. Exit Thruway onto 287 East, Take exit 1 and at end of ramp make a right onto Route 119, go past hotel on your left (1/2 mile) and make U-turn at first traffic light. Hotel will then be on your right..

Friday night event – must reserve by March 19, 2013.

Westchester Broadway Theatre from hotel – Plan on arriving at 6:00 pm as seating begins at 6:15 pm. Exit hotel and turn left onto Route 119 East, go approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Route 9A. Go approximately 1 mile and turn right onto Executive Boulevard/Hunter Lane then 1st left onto Clearbrook Road.



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c/o Lt/Cdr Virginia P. Moore, P 3 Undercliff Street Yonkers, NY 10705-1354

Address Correction Requested



Sail and Power Boating



D/2 Planning CALENDAR

2013

- 12 May, Mothers' Day.
- 15-16 May, Shavuos*
- 18-24 May, National Safe boating Week..
- 27 May, Memorial Day.
- 14 June, Flag Day.
- 16 June, Fathers' Day.
- 4 July, Independence Day.
- 2 September, Labor Day.
- 4-8 September, Governing Board, San Antonio, TX.
- 5-6 September, Rosh Hashanah*.
- 14 September, Yom Kippur*.
- 14 October, Columbus Day.
- 3 November, Daylight Savings Time Ends.
- 5 November, election Day.
- 11 November, Veterans Day.
- 28 November, Thanksgiving Day.
- 28-November-5 December, Hanukkah*
- 25 December, Christmas Day.
- 26 December, Kwanzaa Begins.
- 1 January, New Years Day.

*Note: All Jewish holidays begin the evening before the date given.

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