







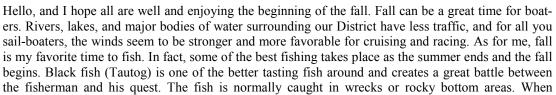
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### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP





hooked, the Black Fish or Tog, as we fisherman call them, dive into the rocks or a wreck and try to break your line. For each Tog you catch, you will have to expect to lose at least two or three rigs and countless bait. The preferred bait for this fish is Fiddler, Asian, or Green crabs. A truly exciting experience can be had Black fishing and great eating as well.

Fall is the time when our Commanders recognize our accomplishments, deeds and doings by bestowing upon us a merit mark. Merit marks are an important part of USPS as it is the only real thank you one receives for their commitment, dedication to duty, and service to the organization. So as Commanders, let us not forget that the deadline for merit mark submission is upon us.

Fall is the time for our Squadrons' Educational programs to begin to gear up and get a full head of steam. While each Squadron will conduct or will plan to hold an ABC3 6 week course or one day 8 hour class, what about you? When was the last time you went down to the public course and lent a hand serving as a proctor, or took an advanced or elective course or attended one of the many seminars USPS has to offer? Remember back when you first joined USPS? More than likely, one of your key motives was to increase your boating knowledge and acumen. Let's not forget that if your Squadron is not giving that course or seminar you want to attend, you can always look at a neighboring Squadron, as they just might have what you want.

Fall is the time; sadly, when we think of summers, past adventures and begin the process of putting our boats up for the winter. There are many Squadrons hosting meetings on decommissioning and winter storage. These meetings are not only informative but give you the chance to touch base and reconnect with those Squadron members you did not see over the spring and summer. My suggestion for you is that you take a look at your Squadron's schedules and make plans to attend that next meeting and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow members.

So remember, fall can be a very positive time of year, if you make it so.

Respectfully submitted. \*

Photos from D/2 Summer Council, 21 September, Fishkill, NY.







Submitted by P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN.

'The Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron gets a Sign'



Actually two signs – One near the Old Greenwich Yacht Club at Greenwich Point and the other on Grass Island in the center of town. Thanks to the Town of Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesei, the Squadron has been able to post signs for the first time ever. They promote the Squadron's safe boating course, along with its Web site and phone number. The photo shows Squadron member Virgina Lucey, S, (left) with fellow kayaker Frances Schneider at Greenwich Point.

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Fall is upon us once again and it is time to button up the hatches and stow gear in a safe place. Proper winterization is also key.



This also means that the District 2 Fall Conference is coming soon. Please make sure that you have had your members sign the Battle Ribbons that each Commander was given and bring them to the Conference to be attached to the USPS 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flag. The District flags will then be presented to the members at the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL 26 January – 2 February, 2014. If you haven't already sent in your reservation form for the Fall Conference, you need to do so now. The hotel room deadline has passed but there may be rooms still available.

I attended the Governing Board Meeting in San Antonio, TX and represented the District on behalf of D/C Howard Sklar, AP in early September. I will also be attending the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Sail and Power Squadrons in Toronto, Ontario the end of October. They are celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

District 2 is also beginning an Anniversary celebration this year of 75 years strong. You can help kick off this year long celebration by attending the Fall Conference.

The Spring Conference will be returning to the Holiday Inn of Saratoga Springs 11-13 April, 2014. Look for the Save the Date flyer in this issue and on the D/2 website under the confirmed District meetings tab. I hope to have a registration form available at the Fall Conference.

See you soon in beautiful Williamstown, MA!

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From the 2013 Norwalk Boat Show, submitted by P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN

### Submitted by D/Lt/C Virginia Schmidt-Gedney, AP

### From DEEP Inland Fisheries:

Stocking Update—DEEP (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) stocked another 600 Atlantic salmon this week. These fish were released into the Shetucket River (300 salmon) and the upper (150 salmon) and lower (150 salmon) sections of the Naugatuck River.



These stockings bring the total number of salmon stocked so far this fall to approximately 1,200 fish with Crystal Lake (100 salmon), Mount Tom Pond (100 salmon), the upper Naugatuck River (250 salmon), lower Naugatuck River (250 salmon) and Shetucket River (500 salmon), all stocked at least once. (See below for a summary of fishing regulations for Atlantic salmon.) The group of Atlantic salmon being released this week for the fishery range in weight from 2-6 pounds each.

- Regulations for Atlantic salmon on the Shetucket and Naugatuck Rivers. In the Naugatuck, Housatonic and Shetucket Rivers from October 1 through November 30, angling for Atlantic salmon is restricted to catch-and-release only. From December 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014, the daily creel limit for Atlantic salmon will be one. During the open season in the rivers, the legal method for taking Atlantic salmon is limited to angling using a single fly, or an artificial lure with a single free swinging hook and no additional weight can be added to the line above the fly or lure. Also, from October 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, fishing for other species in the designated Atlantic Salmon "Broodstock" Areas is restricted to the gear legal for Atlantic salmon.
- On the **Shetucket River**, anglers can fish for salmon downstream from the Scotland Dam (Windham) to the Water Street Bridge in Norwich (the first bridge upstream of Norwich Harbor). The salmon are stocked into one designated Atlantic Salmon "Broodstock Area", from the Scotland Dam to the Occum Dam.
- Anglers are allowed to fish for salmon in the **Naugatuck River** from the confluence of the East and West Branches (Torrington) downstream to the Housatonic River (Derby). Anglers may also fish for Atlantic salmon in the Housatonic River downstream of Derby Dam. The salmon are typically stocked into two designated Atlantic Salmon Broodstock Areas on the Naugatuck River, the "Campville Section" of the upper Naugatuck River from Route 118 downstream to the Thomaston Flood Control Dam (Litchfield-Thomaston) and the "Beacon Falls Section" of the lower Naugatuck, from Prospect Street (Naugatuck) downstream to Pines Bridge Road (Route 42 bridge, Beacon Falls). From October 1st through March 31st, fishing for other species in these designated Atlantic Salmon Broodstock Areas is restricted to the gear legal for Atlantic salmon.
- The regulations for Atlantic salmon released into lakes and ponds are different from the regulations for salmon on the Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers. In each lake, the regulations for methods, seasons and minimum lengths for salmon will be the same as for trout in that specific water body but the daily creel limit will be one salmon per day. (Please refer to the 2013 CT Angler's Guide for trout regulations).







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### Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Gino C. Bottino, AP

It is just amazing how fast this season of boating has gone!

As we all know during the boating season we seem to take a hiatus from active USPS duties, so welcome back to active USPS activities! This is a function of our summer season and the relative short time we have to boat, while we seem to have a lot more time when it's colder to do



other activities like teaching. Of course during the summer is the perfect time to have rendezvous and on the water meetings, which many of our Squadrons did. This presence out on the water helps all of us, and we should be flying our flags proudly. We did have Squadrons send out notices to other regional Squadrons but there is yet to have any coordinated communication system which I want to try and work on this winter.

#### **Membership:**

Likewise we should inform other Squadrons of our off-season events including our Change of Watches, and invite all USPS members to attend, that want to!

This boat show season has started off well with great interaction with boaters. Having the electronic Fire Fighting device was a great hit at the Norwalk show, getting us a constant stream of activity (our neighbors the USCGAUX was quite jealous). I would encourage any other event to utilize this resource.

We did do a District ad in the CT Boating guide again for next year and P/DC Susan P. Ryan, JN, is again coordinating this effort.

Our membership chair P/D/C Robert Shivokevich, SN, will provide us an update and insights to this year's numbers.

#### **Member Involvement:**

We have put out several surveys that have been reported on. We will continue to do these to increase membership involvement.

#### Member benefits:

Continue to increase every year. Take some time to look at them on the Web and see what may apply to you and others in your Squadrons.

### **Meetings and Programs:**

Have been streamlined by our current Commander. This leaves more time for face to face interaction, less money needed to be spent, and less time listening to matters that can be posted on the web and reviewed at a later date. Kudo's!

#### **Operations Training:**

A new OT manual has been made. I will ask P/C Frank Palmieri, JN, to write a report to us on the changes.

**Sea Scout Liaison:** We were active in supporting the local sea scouts and they are well served.

<u>USCG AUX Liaison</u>: The MOU between our two organizations was revisited and re-ratified again

**Port Captains** During the winter I plan on contacting all Squadrons with a Port to Identify the Port Captain.

I welcome any and all comments and questions you may have.

### Submitted by D/Lt/C Virginia Schmidt-Gedney, AP

### Long Island Interesting Facts:



Mastic was the home of William Floyd, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Long Island's first two settlements were Southhold and Southhampton, in 1640.

Hollow Ranch in Montauk is the site of the oldest cattle ranch in America, built in 1658, and birthplace of the American cowboy.

The lighthouse at Montauk became New York's first coastal beacon in 1796.

The first radio transmission, by wireless inventor Guglielmo Marconi, was in 1901 on Fire Island Avenue in Babylon.

In 1927, Charles Lindburgh took off from Roosevelt Field, as he embarked on the first non-stop solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

America's first supermarket, King Kullen, started on Long Island in 1930.

Levittown, the first suburbia in the U.S., was built on Long Island in 1947.

The Lunar Module which landed men on the moon in 1969, was built on Long Island by the Grumman Corp.

Long Island is the largest island among the 48 contiguous states.

The only working water mill and windmill in the U.S., are located in the Long Island community of Water Mill.

Richard Nixon's deceased dog Checkers, is buried at Long Island's Bide-a-Wee Pet Cemetery.

When the Brooklyn Bridge was completed in 1883, it became the first land-transport route between Long Island and mainland U.S.A. Before that, the only way to travel between the two was by boat.

Long Island was sculpted by melting glaciers, which is why there is a clear difference between the hilly North Shore and the flat South Shore.

Long Island is the most populated island in the United States and the 17th most populated island in the world. Long Island in more populated that the entire countries of Jamaica and Ireland.

The largest industrial park in the U.S. is located on Long Island—The Hauppauge Industrial Park, which houses 1,300 companies and employs more than 55,000 people.

More 7-Eleven coffee is purchased on Long Island than all of California.

### Educational Officer: D/Lt/C Carl E. Filios, JN

Now that summer's over, it's time to think back to the fun we had boating and deal with the realities of winterization and storage. While you're working on that, start thinking about how to spend the extra free time you have available. Is there a course or seminar you've been thinking about? Talk with your SEO about the courses planned for the fall and winter seasons. If your Squadron isn't equipped to offer what



you'd like to take, have your SEO contact a neighboring Squadron to see if they're planning on offering the course. Education is only part of the reasons we take courses. Other considerations include the camaraderie and the opportunity to make new friends. If you have boating friends that aren't USPS members, invite them to Squadron activities.

It won't be long until we're into the holiday season, followed closely by Squadron Changes of Watch, which offer opportunities for those of us on the District Bridge to travel all over the District visiting Squadrons. It's a great way to make new friends and put faces to names.

I attended the Governing Board meeting in San Antonio in September. I got to spend one day looking around San Antonio, and then four days in meetings. It was an opportunity to meet my counterparts from the other Districts in USPS. I've gotten to know some of them over the past three years, and there are always new faces as District Educational Officer terms expire and new people assume the position. It's an opportunity to hear what's coming down the road (water) in terms of course updates and new offerings. If you have the opportunity, consider attending the USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville at the end of January. It's the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and will be marked with special activities. Some details are already available on the USPS web site. Imagine what the parade of District flags will look like as they all have the Squadron battle ribbons attached. If you haven't signed your Squadron's ribbon yet, do it before the Fall Conference in Williamstown in early November.

### More photos from D/2 Summer Council.



D/Lt/C Virginia Schmidt-Gedney, AP



D/Lt/C Gino Bottino, AP



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Lt/C Kathrine Somogyi, AP



P/D/Lt/C Robert Kelly. SN

Legislative Officer: Lt Melvin Goldstein, AP

As of this writing, the Governor of New York State has signed legislation which will require a phase in of mandatory boater's safety education, commencing May 2014, for all 18 years of age and younger. This covers those who drive mechanically propelled vessels (power boats.)

In the meantime, New York Squadrons hope to attract these new potential students to take the USPS ABC3 Course, and become members.

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D/Lt/C John W. Steger, JN



P/C Robert J. Terry, P

Still more photos from the D/2 Summer Council.

Council photos courtesy of Lt Melvin Goldstein, AP.

# District 2 Spring Conference 11-13 April 2014

Come to Saratoga Springs, NY in the springtime

For a fun weekend that will include Harness Racing, shopping,

Mineral Springs and much, much more!



This conference will be hosted by the Sacandaga Power Squadron at the Holiday Inn of Saratoga Springs, NY located on Broadway in the heart of downtown Saratoga Springs. The weekend will begin on Friday featuring a dinner at the Harness Track in Fortune's Restaurant overlooking the raceway with a race named for USPS District 2. There is also the option of spending some time at the Casino after dinner and/or dancing at the Vapor Nightclub to music provided by a live band. The weekend will continue Saturday at the hotel with activities throughout the day. Spouses and guests can do independent shopping or a variety of other planned activities to be announced at a later date.



This will be the first time Sacandaga will host a Spring Conference, Come help as celebrate!







### D2 Fall Conference And 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of District 2



### November 8-9, 2013

Williams Inn 1090 Main Street, Route 7 Williamstown, MA 01267-2620 413-458-9371 Hosted by

### Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron

Time	Event			
1500 - 1700	Early Registration			
1730 - 1900	Reception for the Chief's Rep and Conference Attendees			
1900 – 2200	Dinner (Uniform Blazer)			
0800 - 0900	Registration and Hot & Cold Breakfast			
0845 - 0900	Guest Program assembles and departs			
0900 - 1200	General Meeting and Workshops			
1230 - 1400	Lunch			
1400 - 1630	General Meeting, Awards			
1730 - 1900	Reception			
1900 - Late	Dinner (Uniform A, or suitable evening attire)			
	1500 - 1700 1730 - 1900 1900 - 2200 0800 - 0900 0845 - 0900 0900 - 1200 1230 - 1400 1400 - 1630 1730 - 1900			

Guest Program: A "Behind the Scenes" tour of the Clark Art Institute that features European and American painting, sculpture, works on paper, and decorative art from the Renaissance to the early twentieth century. Lunch is back at the Williams Inn with the conference attendees. Transportation to/from the Clark will be provided. As an alternative to the Clark Art Institute guest program, there are Outlet Shopping Malls in Lee, MA and Manchester, VT. Maps will be provided for your own transportation. Remember if you signed up for the Saturday Breakfast/Luncheon, have your lunch at the Williams Inn with the conference attendees between shopping experiences.

Saturday Dinner: Pianist John Sauer accompanied by singer Jeannie Laurin will provide both dinner music and entertainment after dinner for your listening and dancing pleasure.

#### Directions:

#### From the South or West:

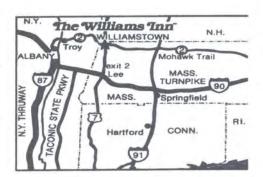
Mass Turnpike (Rte 90) -Take Exit 2 (Lee) on the Mass Turnpike — after the toll booth, turn right and follow Rte 20 West. Approximately 4 miles Rte 7 North merges with Rte 20. Continue on Rte 7 North about 28 miles to Williamstown. The Williams Inn is on the left of the Village Green at the Northerly Junction of Rtes 7 & 2. Go around the traffic circle about 270 degrees — The Williams Inn is located on the north side of the circle.

Or: Rte 7 North from Danbury to Williamstown.

Or: Taconic State Parkway North towards Albany. Take last exit before the toll - Rte 295 East (Chatham & East Chatham), to Rte 22 North to Rte 2 East to Rte 7 North to Williamstown.

#### From the North:

Route 87 South to Exit 6 (Rte 2 East into Latham). Take Route 2 East through Troy and over the mountain and down to Williamstown. Turn left at the junction of Routes 2 & 7. Continue 2 miles North on Rte 7 to Williamstown.



This registration form with the program and directions information may be downloaded and printed from the D2 website. Goto: <a href="http://www.usps.org/d2/d2event.html#District">http://www.usps.org/d2/d2event.html#District</a>
Form: Date 03 May 2013

#### D2 Fall Conference 8-9 November 2013 Williams Inn 1090 Main Street, Route 7 Williamstown, MA 01267-2620 413-458-9371

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

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### THE PATCH, A DIGITAL NEWSPAPER

My young tennis partners were always saying 'we saw it on the Patch' about some news before I'd read it in our local paper. So I realized how popular it was with the young families in the area. Spurred by DPRO Cdr Paul Okura, P, to pursue social media, I looked into this and posted a Squadron course with photo. The editor soon approached me to write a blog on boating and have begun to write short articles for this. During the dark days of Sandy we had no newspapers, but the Patch came into my smartphone daily and helped enormously to keep us in touch.

Patch was founded by Tim Armstrong current CEO of AOL, in 2007 after he realized a dearth of online information on his hometown of Greenwich, CT. There are over 1,000 communities throughout the U.S. that have these sites; visit <a href="https://www.patch.com">www.patch.com</a> to enter your zip code and find yours. I know that some Squadrons are already using it as part of their PR programs, and I recommend it highly to post comments, events, photos, your latest article – hopefully always with the USPS name and logo included – as a quick and easy way to get the word out to a wide number of people completely free.

Patch reports on everything you need to know about your town, from local government to school news to what to do with your family this weekend. It makes it easy for you and your neighbors to connect and post your news and events too. All of this, plus comprehensive listings of local restaurants and shops, home improvement services and businesses, events, and more – all in one place – makes it an informative and interesting community read

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### Still some more photos from the D/2 Summer Council.



D/Lt/C Denise A. Terry, AP, D/Lt/C Carl E. Filios, JN & D/1st/Lt Karl M. Wagner, AP



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### D/2 NEWS

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### **Address Correction Requested**



Sail and Power Boating



### D/2 Planning CALENDAR

### 2013

- 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.

### 2014

- 1 January, New Years Day.
- 20 January, Martin Luther King Day.
- 29 January—2 February, Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL.
- 17 February, President's Day.
- 5 March, Ash Wednesday.
- 9 March, Daylight Saving Time Begins.
- 17 March, St. Patrick's Day.
- 13 April, Palm Sunday.
- 15-22 April, Passover\*
- 18 April, Good Friday
- 20 April, Easter Sunday.

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

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