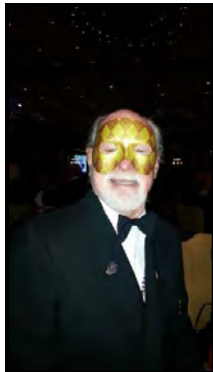


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Terry, AP**



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P/D/C Susan P.
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**USPS 100th Anniversary
Ice Carving**



**D/C Howard A.
Sklar, AP and
P/D/C Suzanne
P. Nentwich, AP**



**Knot-board
Training Aid**



Handsome Couple



**R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
And Stf/C George R.
Hallenbeck, AP**



**New National
Bridge
Being
Sworn in**

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I am finding it hard to believe that there is less than two months before the Spring Conference. I have been looking forward to it for a while now and it's almost here. Many people have told me that they are coming but only a few registration forms have been received so far. Please get them in right away. There is a deadline especially for the Friday night dinner at Fortune's as we have to prepay those dinners 3 weeks ahead of time. It's going to be a great weekend. The new National Executive Officer, V/C Luis Ojeda, SN will be our C/C representative and if you haven't met him yet, be prepared for a fun meeting. Fill-in pdf as well as print and write in versions can be found on the D/2 website.

At the Governing Board Annual meeting, District 2 got quite a surprise by being awarded first and second place in a brand new award given by Brunswick Dealer Advantage and presented by the Chairman and CEO of Brunswick himself, Dustan "Dusty" McCoy. While it was known that awards would be given, we didn't know that both Sacandaga and Mohawk-Hudson would win. Come to the Spring Conference and see these awards being presented to them and find out what else came with the trophies.

If you think I'm plugging the Spring Conference, you are right...I want you all there! This will be the first time Sacandaga will be hosting a Spring Conference. If you have been to any of our Fall Conferences, you know we put on a great weekend. This Conference is being set up to top anything we have done before. We will have our friends and neighbors from District 1, District 3, District 6 and CPS in attendance. So come meet new friends and see old friends as well.

In my last article, I mentioned that I would be attending the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron's 75th Anniversary meeting in Toronto, Ontario. It was a lot of fun and in case you didn't see it, I was front and center of the group picture featured in the most recent print edition of the Ensign! Sometimes it's good to be vertically challenged. D/Lt/C Carl Filios was also in the picture on the left almost at the top.

In closing, don't forget the very important meeting on 8 March at the I-84 Diner. We need to get the District Bylaws wrapped up. Once that is complete, we will open the Winter Council meeting where the Nominating Committee report will be presented and other District business conducted. After the meeting, Mohawk-Hudson's SEO, Frank Isele, N will present the Weather Seminar. If you haven't signed up yet, go to the national website and do so ASAP. There are limited materials available.

More photos from the National Meeting



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And
Jane P. Bottino, P**



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**R/C Guy J. Anastasio, SN And
P/R/C Nina P. Anastasio, SN**



DEEP ANNOUNCES WINTER TROUT STOCKING

13,000 rainbow trout stocked into sixteen Connecticut lakes and ponds.

Does winter seem long this year? Does the shortest month of the year seem like the longest? One way to beat the winter doldrums is to get out and enjoy some sunshine and the out-of-doors by going ice fishing. Connecticut's Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) has just stocked 13,000 rainbow trout into sixteen lakes and ponds located throughout Connecticut to provide some great late-winter ice fishing opportunities. The trout stocked by DEEP during the past week are from the Quinebaug State Fish Hatchery, where some repairs and pond maintenance work are scheduled to begin this spring.

"This winter has been sufficiently long and generally cold enough for anglers to enjoy good ice fishing conditions," said Peter Aarrestad, Director of DEEP's Inland Fisheries Division. "As it appears that winter conditions will last for some time, we felt that it was a good time to stock out the trout from one pond to provide some additional winter trout fishing opportunities and we'll also get a head start on an important maintenance project."

The 13,000 rainbow trout stocked average 11 inches long and range in length from 7 to 14 inches. Half (6,500 fish) were stocked into seven eastern Connecticut lakes; Bashan Lake (East Haddam, 750 fish), Beach Pond (Voluntown, 1,000 fish), Black Pond (Middlefield/Meriden, 750 fish), Coventry Lake (Coventry, 1,000 fish), Crystal Lake (Ellington, 1,000 fish), Gardner Lake (Salem/Montville/Bozrah, 1,000 fish) and Mashapaug Lake (Union, 1,000 fish). The other 6,500 rainbow trout were stocked into nine lakes in western Connecticut; Black Rock Pond (Watertown, 650 fish), Highland Lake (Winchester, 1,250 fish), Mount Tom Pond (Morris/Litchfield/Washington, 600 fish), Squantz Pond (New Fairfield/Sherman, 1,150 fish), Stillwater Pond (Torrington, 600 fish), Tyler Lake (700 fish), West Hill Pond (New Hartford/Barkhamsted, 1,250 fish) and Westside Pond (300 fish).

DEEP reminds winter anglers that SAFETY COMES FIRST. Be aware that ice thickness varies on all water bodies due to a number of environmental factors including in-lake water circulatory patterns, snow cover, air temperatures and the type and amounts of recent precipitation. Please check the ice carefully before venturing out and check repeatedly to make sure that ice thickness is sufficient.

Regulations vary on many of the waters stocked this week. Anglers can check fishing regulations in the Connecticut Angler's Guide, found online at www.ct.gov/deep/anglersguide. Anglers may continue to use the 2013 Angler's Guide as a reference until the 2014 Guide comes out in late March/early April (fishing regulations have not changed since publication of the 2013 Angler's Guide). The 2014 Connecticut Angler's Guide will be posted on line and print copies will be available from many Town Clerks and bait & tackle stores, or by contacting DEEP's Inland Fisheries Division (860-424-FISH).

Additional fishing and fisheries related information can be found on the DEEP Fisheries web pages at www.ct.gov/deep/fishing and on the Fisheries and Wildlife Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CTFishandWildlife.

Anglers can obtain their 2014 fishing and hunting licenses online (www.ct.gov/deep/sportsmenlicensing) or at participating town halls, tackle retailers and DEEP offices. For a list of vendors, anglers should contact DEP Licensing and Revenue at 860-424-3105.



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

Instructor Certification



One of the requirements placed on USPS by NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) is that those who teach ABC need to be a certified instructor or be a subject matter expert and have a certified instructor present. In most cases, initial instructor certification is obtained by passing the Instructor Development course. The certification is good for a period of four years, after which the instructor must attend a recertification session in order to remain certified. DB2000 shows the current expiration dates in the column labeled IDEXPR. There is a tool on the SEO Tools page that enables the SEO to quickly check the expiration dates for Squadron members.

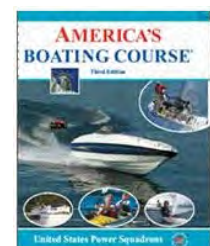
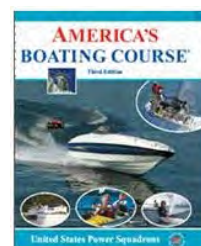
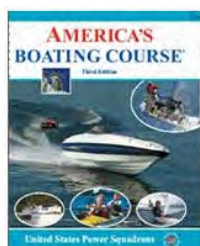
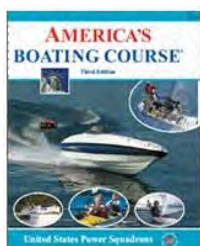
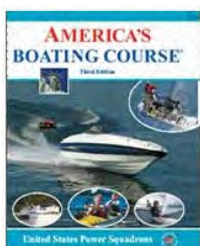
I recently ran two sessions of Instructor Recertification using GoToMeeting®. This resulted in about twenty five people being recertified, including two from District 3 and one from District 8. There are a lot more of you out there with either expired certifications or certifications about to expire. If you're not sure of your certification expiration date, check with myself or your SEO. I plan on running another session sometime in March, to pick up others who are interested but did not make the first sessions. Please contact your SEO or myself if you're interested. If you're not currently a certified instructor, but would like to become one, notify your SEO, who should be able to either schedule a class or find a class somewhere near you. Note that certification is not only for those who teach ABC. Anyone who teaches a class should be up to date with current teaching methodology and practices. We all need to be able to gain the attention of our students, and be aware of different learning styles, so we are able to reach all of the students.

The material for recertification, as well as for the initial certification, was revised last year, and now reflects a lot more of the current practices. We have evolved from the days of overhead projectors and transparencies, and the course material needed updating to reflect that. There is a new requirement that for initial certification, a one hour lesson plan must be submitted to the Instructor Development Committee for grading. The plan must receive a grade of 80 or better in order to "pass". Those plans that receive less than 80 are returned for rework. A guideline is provided in advance that explains scoring for the lesson plan.

If you're wondering about GoToMeeting®, when a meeting is scheduled, those invited receive an email. That email contains a link to the meeting, and an option to call in on the phone if you don't have a headphone/microphone combination. The software you need will download when you open the link. If you're using Outlook, the email results in an entry being created in your calendar. If you're not using Outlook, the message may be unintelligible, but in that case I sent something that is understandable. The GoToMeeting® method of recertification was well received. A practice session was run so that people could test their ability to sign in and communicate with everyone online. We worked out a few bugs during that session, and the real sessions went well, with the exception of occasional communication glitches caused by my internet connection speed. I've done things since the first sessions to increase my internet speed and make it run better. I'm also hoping to be able to use a web cam next time in order to be able to write responses on a white board so people can see them. This method of recertification is most effective when participants contribute information. We learn a lot from interacting with others.

This is simply the beginning of being able to do more communication without having all participants in one location. Some Squadrons and Districts (especially those that are really spread out) are using this and other similar methods to teach courses, in addition to holding meetings this way.

All Instructor Development material is now downloadable from the USPS web site at no charge. Feel free to get it and use it for your classes. You may also print a copy if you like hard copy.



“Let USPS Interactive Online Learning Fill the Cold Weather Void

Do you and your fellow Squadron members have cabin fever? Do you have a PC, iPad or Android tablet and access to the Internet? Then take a look at the Seminars that have been implemented as part of USPS’ Online Interactive Learning program. Two Seminars – Partner in Command and Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes—are currently online for all boaters to take. If a non-member in your area takes one of these Seminars, your Squadron gets the student’s contact information, and you can invite him or her to participate in Squadron activities and join your Squadron. Any Squadron member who takes a Seminar gets credit, and so does the Squadron. Use this frigid time to become a more knowledgeable boater. Click the link below for more information:

<http://www.usps.org/edonline>.

Still More photos from the National Meeting



R/C Guy J. Anistasio, SN



D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP



P/D/C Fred E. Mangelsdorf, SN



R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

News for All VSC Examiners

Additional training is **now required** for all VSC examiners. Information below was recently taken from the VSC Recertification Information web pages. I will be working with the District Executive Officer and Educational Officer to get as many recertified as soon as possible using GoToMeeting. Please contact me at spsqsafety@nycap.rr.com with a list of your VEs that wish to do the recertification this way. They will need a computer or tablet with internet (not dialup), internal or external speakers, and microphone or headset (or they can call in via telephone). This method was recently used by D/Lt/C Carl Filios, JN, for Instructor Recertification seminar and over 20 instructors recertified over the course of 2 nights including a member of D/8 in Florida.

There are also changes to the USCG Inflatable PFD program. I am now responsible for reporting to Lee Chasse the number of PFDs that each Squadron has. I must have your Squadron's report no later than 15 October but you can report your inventory to me at any time.

2014 VSC Recertification Information

02-09-2014 - FROM THE CG/CG AUX:

This year the CG/CG-Aux has mandated the 2014 VE Workshop for **all VE's regardless of time in the program with the exception of trainees.**

I will be sending you the PowerPoint presentation, which **MUST** be taught in a classroom setting. No individuals taking it at home and submitting completion paperwork. The workshop for Aux must be completed by 30 June 2014 or our VE's go into a REWK status. This means that they cannot conduct VE's in that status, until they complete the workshop, and are placed back in a current status. If they don't complete it by 31 Dec 2014, then they will be placed in REYR status. They will not be certified to conduct VSCs in 2015, until they take the workshop, complete 2 supervised VSCs, and are re-certified as current. This was just released to our people, so I wanted to get it to you to get out to yours.

As noted from Lee Chasse: As we are under the CG/CG Aux in this program we are required to comply with this recertification program.

Note from Lee Chasse: This is how we are going to handle this recertification:

In a classroom environment, the power point should be given to certified VEs only, not trainees. At the end of each section, address each quiz to the class and open discussion for the answer. Insure there is a common answer which matches the answer in the quiz.

When all 3 quizzes have been reviewed, and students agree on all quiz answers, you may add their names and information to the VSC-2R form and send it to HQ USPS Attn: Lena Padro for their record to be annotated they completed the recertification training.

(Continued on P. 10.)

(VSC requirements continued from P. 9.)

2014 VSC DECAL INFORMATION

In response to recent changes to decal distribution, Lee Chasse offers the following thoughts:

Unless a need is an emergency, USPS Safety/VSC will work with Squadron Commanders and Squadron VSC Chairs ONLY effective 01 January 2014. To obtain decals to fill urgent requests and maintain accountability, requests will contain:

- A. District Number & Squadron VSC Chair Name.**
- B. Full Squadron Name and Squadron VSC Chair Name.**
- C. Full Mailing info i.e., name, street, city, zip.**
- D. Number of decals requested.**
- E. A note certifying that the Squadron/VE has utilized 50% or more of their decals as of request date.**
NOTE: Decals for individual VEs requesting additional decals will first be verified via VSC reports submitted that the VE has utilized at least 50% of their issued decals at time of request.

Your request, if approved and filled, will be annotated for future reference/accountability.

Individual VE's should contact their Squadron VSC Chair for additional decals.

And Still More photos from the National Meeting



**C/C John T. Alter, SN
Presenting a Certificate**



**Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons
P/C/C Serge St-Martin, JN
And wife
Jocelyne Guimont**



P/R/C Nina P. Anastasio, SN



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

Profile of Carleen Lyden-Kluss

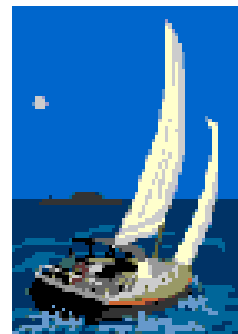
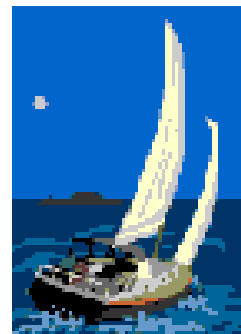
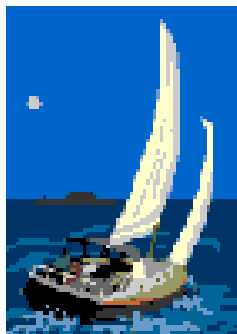
Carleen was at the USPS National meeting in Jacksonville and looking for a Squadron to join. She had just signed up as a cyber-member, and Don Peterson from Penfield emailed a few of us to watch out for her. D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP, had a long chat with her about the local Squadrons and what they offer in courses and events, and suggested I speak with her about joining Greenwich. After hearing her passion for engaging children and helping them pursue a boating career with scholarships to college and potential jobs in the maritime industry, it was clear that Greenwich was a good match because of our close ties with the Young Mariners Foundation (YMF). I arranged to have dinner with her and invited Chair of the YMF Tom O'Connell and Executive Director Marilyn Shapiro. What a great fit! She was impressed with the program and offered to bring colleagues from the CT Maritime Association to the YMF Fundraiser at Indian Harbor Yacht Club 1 May. She loves to talk to children about marine ecology, and this summer we will get about 40 kids from the YMF of Stamford and Greenwich to hear her speak. She has offered to join the board of the YMF and they are very enthusiastic about her.

As background, I would like to mention the great contribution that Stamford Sail & Power Squadron has made to the YMF led from the beginning by D/Lt/C Gino C. Bottino, AP, Sf/C George Hallenbeck, AP, and P/R/C Anne Peskin, SN, designed a short class introducing children to safe boating which they give throughout Stamford Public Schools. Greenwich began their own program only four years ago, copied their example . . . and took it further to culminate in giving second year students the ABC course.

Carleen grew up boating around Larchmont and American Yacht Clubs . . . and you can continue the conversation with her yourself as she'll be coming to some of our events. (To sign up for Greenwich's e-mailing list, please contact GreenwichSquadron@gmail.com .)

She is a marketing and communications professional in the commercial maritime industry with over 35 years of experience. As founder and President of Morgan Marketing & Communications, she specializes in identifying, developing and implementing strategic marketing and communications programs that increase her clients' revenues. She is also Co-Founder and Executive Director of NAMEPA (North American Marine Environment Protection Association), an industry-led initiative to "Save our Seas".

Carleen graduated from Wellesley College with a BA in Political Science and History (minor in Economics) and studied Accounting at Cornell School of Business Administration. She is a member of the Connecticut Maritime Association, the Marine Society, Intertanko, WISTA, and The National Press Club, and is a trained facilitator and media trainer. She holds a USCG 100-ton Captain's license.





UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®
D/2 Reconvening of the Fall Conference
& Winter Council



Saturday, 8 March 2014

Held at the I84 Diner 853 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524-1561
PHONE – 845.896.6537

The cost for the day is \$20 - includes full Lunch and breaks

General Directions

- **From: South.** Take the NY State Thruway (Interstate 87) North to Exit 17 (Route 17K) - follow the directions from the West below.

or

Take the Taconic State Parkway to Interstate 84 W - follow the directions from the East below.

- **From: North.** Take the New York Thruway (Interstate 87) South. Take the Route 17K exit, Exit 17 toward Newburgh/Stewart Airport. Merge onto Interstate 84 East. Take Exit 12 (Route 52 - Fishkill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right and right again into the I84 Diner parking lot.
- **From: East.** Take Interstate 84 West. Take Exit 12 (Route 52 - Fishkill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 52 South. After the underpass, turn right into the I84 Diner parking lot.
- **From: West.** Take Interstate 84 East. Take Exit 12 (Route 52 - Fishkill). At the end of the ramp, turn right and right again into the I84 Diner parking lot.

Registration will begin at 0830

Reservations must be received by 25 February 2014 - Late Registration fee: \$5.00

Mail reservations to:

D/Lt Alexandra Digilio
25 Thomas Ave
Fishkill, New York 12524
Questions? Call (914) 475-3740

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District 2 Fall Conference & Winter Council

Due Date 25 February 2014

NAME _____	SQUADRON _____
ADDRESS _____	RANK/GRADE _____
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District 2 Spring Conference 2014

11-13 April, 2014

Saratoga Springs Holiday Inn

REGISTRATION FORM



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SQUADRON _____ FIRST TIME @ DISTRICT 2 MEETING? _____

Friday Dinner at Fortune's # ATTENDING _____ X \$40 TOTAL \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast Buffet # ATTENDING _____ X \$15 TOTAL \$ _____

Saturday AM Coffee/Lunch # ATTENDING _____ X \$20 TOTAL \$ _____

LUNCH CHOICE: _____ Baked Sole (GLUTEN FREE) _____ 3-Cheese Lasagna (VEGETARIAN)

Guest Program # ATTENDING _____ X \$12 TOTAL \$ _____

Saturday Dinner # ATTENDING _____

Spinach Salad, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots and Mini Dessert Confection Platter

ENTRÉE CHOICES:

Tomato Basil Penne tossed with Seasonal vegetables & Feta Cheese (VEGETARIAN)

_____ X \$25 = \$ _____

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Cornbread-stuffed Chicken Breast with Supreme Sauce _____ X \$35 = \$ _____

DINNER TOTAL \$ _____

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_____ Friday Night _____ Saturday Night # NIGHTS _____ X \$129 \$ _____

_____ KING BED _____ 2 DOUBLE BEDS
GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to Sacandaga Power Squadron and mail to: P/C Robert Terry, P
217 Calderwood Rd, Amsterdam, NY 12010-6103 **before March 19, 2014.** Any questions,
please email to sacandaga@nycap.rr.com or call (518) 842-1102 or (518) 649-6303.

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Sail and Power Boating



D/2 Planning CALENDAR

2014

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.
11 May, Mother's Day.
17 May, Armed Forces Day.
17-23 May, Safe Boating Week.
26 May, Memorial Day.
4-5 June, Shavuot*
14 June, Flag Day.
15 June, Father's Day.
21 June, First Day of Summer.
4 July, Independence Day.

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

(NOTE: PLEASE ADVISE THE EDITOR IF YOU NO LONGER WISH TO RECEIVE A HARD COPY OF THE D/2 NEWS.)