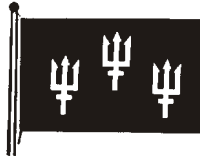


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## HOUSATONIC RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON



### Commander's Message

As you are probably aware, the mission of the United States Power Squadron consists of three parts. These include Self Education, Civil Service, and being a Fraternal Boating Club. As the year unfolds, our focus shifts to emphasize one or more of these objectives. Here in Connecticut, like the rest of the northern half of the country, our focus during the summer is on Civil Service activities like performing Vessel Safety Checks.

However in the fall and winter our focus shifts to our Self Education objective. Of course our newest members have a lot to gain from the Seamanship and Piloting courses being offered, and indeed one of the expectations of all USPS members is that they complete these two basic courses shortly after they join. We also offer advanced grade and elective courses, which offer even long-standing members, like me, something new to learn. Please look elsewhere in this edition of the Spindrift for information from our Squadron Educational Officer, Joan Pappas, for detailed information about these courses.

Lastly, one of the upcoming events is the HRSPPS Holiday party on December 10. Please look for additional information about the party from our Squadron Administrative Officer, Gary Hanson. I hope to see every-

one there and especially our new members who joined after passing our boating exams this past spring.

- Ira Goldman

## Chantey & Ale Sail a Tasteful Treat!



In August, a group of Housatonic Squadron members went on a cruise aboard the schooner Quinipiack on Long Island Sound and had an evening that none will soon forget! They sipped various brews and ales supplied by a local brewmaster who was on board to tell

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# Welcome Aboard

## New Members

The following New Members\* have recently joined HRSPS. Please extend a warm welcome to them when you see them at squadron meetings and events.

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*\*Please add these new members to your Squadron Roster.*

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# Have you had YOUR boat inspected this year???

Contact Dennis Watcke or Ira Goldman to arrange a convenient inspection time for your annual Vessel Safety Check!



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(Continued from page 1) - *Chanty and Ale Cruise*  
them about each one. The evening's entertainment included the "crew" (all those onboard) singing old-time

a "Ballantine" (also known as Borromean Rings). The work was hard, but the singing, ale and new friendships made for a very enjoyable evening.



(l-r) Sharon Hanson, Liz Watcke, Joan Pappas and Chris Linley

sea chanties as they hoisted, adjusted and lowered sails and other gear. The photo to the right shows one of the Chantymen taking a well-deserved break as the boat glides effortlessly through the water.

The weather was perfect and the sailing was SUPERB! The crew learned a lot about life aboard a schooner, including how to coil lines so they won't get tangled when you go to use them. The picture below shows a what they call



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**HRSPS**

# **Holiday Party**

**Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006**

**4-8:00 p.m.**

**Hosted by Ira and Sherry Goldman**

**442 Cutlers Farm Road**

**Monroe, Ct**

**Bring an ornament with a nautical theme**

**For the Grab Bag**

**Also bring an appetizer or dessert**

**of your choice**

**and byob**

**RSVP Sherry Goldman**

**at 203-445-9302**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

15 Nov. - Wed. - **November Dinner Meeting/  
Monthly Business Meeting**

- 6:30 PM, Smithy Restaurant, Monroe
- Cash bar, order from menu, private room

10 Dec. - Sun. - **Annual Holiday Party**

- At the home of Commander Ira and Sherry Goldman
- See Flyer Inside
- 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

15 Jan. - Mon. - **January Monthly Business Meeting**

- Location TBD

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