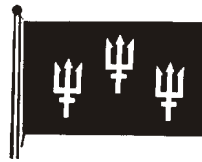


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HOUSATONIC RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON



Commander's Message

June 2007 Commander's Spindrift Message

We are now into the active boating season and I think it is entirely fitting that I am writing this message in May during the middle of the 2007 Safe Boating week. A number of HRSPS members have qualified as Vessel Safety Check examiners and we kicked off the week by conducting a number of courtesy exams on Sunday, May 19. If you are not already aware, USPS is qualified to inspect vessels and award the same vessel safety check decals as the USCG Auxiliary. If you would like to learn about becoming a VSC examiner or have your own boat inspected, contact Carl Linley or myself.

Those members who have boats registered in Connecticut may have noticed in their 2007 renewal that the state now offers a Coastal Endorsement for your operators' certificate as was mentioned in the April Spindrift. It is a recognition, not a state requirement, but may qualify you for insurance discounts or enable you to meet a charter company's experience criteria to rent a boat on Long Island Sound. The basic requirement for this recognition is that you have learned a combination of safe boating and piloting skills. The Boating course offered since 2002 meets those specifications but HRSPS members who have taken the course prior to that, or took Boat Smart may be eligible as well. The additional criteria in those cases are that you have taken and passed Seamanship or Piloting in

the last five years or have ever taken Marine Electronics. We have reviewed our records and we will be contacting those members who appear to meet the requirements to ask if you would like the endorsement sticker for your CT boating certificate.

Lastly, the Bridge Officers and Executive Committee are seeking your ideas about how HRSPS and USPS can better meet the needs of our members. In the next few weeks you may get a call from one of us asking for a few minutes of your time to discuss this. While I know we are all busy, please give us your input when you are called.

All the best for a great boating season and I hope to see you at our on the water and social events in June and July as noted elsewhere in the edition of the Spindrift.

- Commander Ira Goldman, SN

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Saturday June 2nd and 16th - 8 am to 1 pm

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Stratford, CT**

Coffee and..... will be provided

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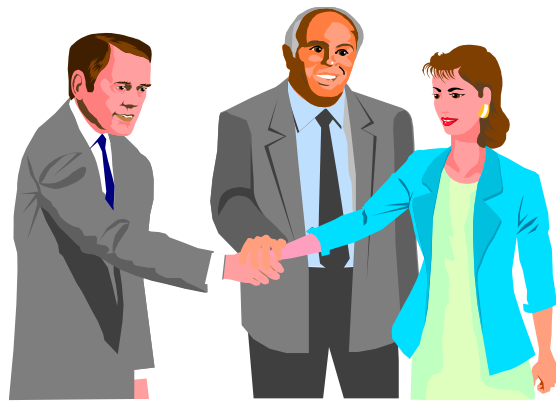


Have your boat checked
ever year by our own quali-
fied Vessel Check Officers!

REMEMBER—It's much
better to find and take care
of potential problems
early—while they are small,
before they become BIG
problems later on!

HOUSATONIC
RIVER
SAIL and POWER SQUADRON

New Member Reception



All new Members
are invited to
attend!

Monday Evening, June 18
7:00 P.M

at the home of Chris and Carl Linley
29 Harvest Moon Rd.

Easton, Ct

The Squadron's Monthly Executive Meeting will
follow new member introductions and refreshments

Contact Chris Linley at 203-371-6872

if you wish to attend - casual attire



Ahoy HRSPS Members!

Chantey & Ale Sail

Aboard the S/V Quinnipiack

On June 16th Saturday Evening from 6-9:00 p.m.,
we will set sail from Long Wharf in New Haven
while we sip some local ales and sing some
chanties, enjoying a 3-hour sail on the Sound

The cost is \$35.00 per person.

Call 203-865-1737 to reserve space

SEAMANSHIP

Welcome aboard to all our new members

Now that you passed either the USPS Boating or Boat Smart Course, received your CT Safe Boating Certificate and are a member of the USPS Housatonic Power Squadron, you may be wondering what's next. The Boating or Boat Smart course is only an introduction to boating. Boating is truly a life long learning experience. Each day you go out you will learn something new or wished you had learned something. The squadron Seamanship Course is the next step in your boating educational experience.

Seamanship is not simply an extension of the *Boating Course*, but has solid, practical content that you need to know. It emphasizes what you need to do to maintain safe control of your boat. *Seamanship* highlights boat handling – how boats handle in the water, slow speed maneuvering, and then to sea in open water.

The material is well suited to the new member or boater and aimed at the practical rather than being overly technical. Full of tips and techniques, this course is a must for any boater. Beyond preparation and the boat handling topics which occupy the first four chapters, Seamanship covers a serious dose of “the Rules of the Road,” followed by anchoring, emergency conditions, and marlinspike.

If there is enough interest the squadron would like to give the Seamanship Course. The course will be given sometime in the fall and will consist of nine sessions. Details to follow. If you are interested please contact Ike Heitlinger at 203-268-7217 or ike_heitlinger@yahoo.com.

HRSPS ANNUAL PJ RAFT-UP

On-the-Water Event
June 23rd -- Port Jefferson, NY

Contact **Rich Amato**
at **203-305-473**

Rich will also be monitoring Channel 72 for arriving vessels



Raft-up will take place in the Conscience Bay anchoring area just north of the channel. Look for the HRSPS Burgees!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

16 Jun. - Sat. - **Chanty and Ale Cruise**

- Fun and enjoyment on the Quinnipiack
- Sails out of New Haven
- 6:00 p.m.—Meet in New Haven
- See inside for details!

18 Jun. - Mon. - **New Member Reception**

- Help us welcome our new members
- Meet over coffee “and”
- 7:00 p.m. at Carl and Chris Linley’s home.
- Call 203-371-6872 for directions

18 Jun. - Mon. - **Executive Committee Meeting**

- Monthly Squadron Business Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. at the home of Chris and Carl Linley. Call for directions
- All members welcome to attend

23 Jun. - Sat. - **Port Jefferson, NY RAFT-UP!**

- Meet in Conscious Bay—Look for our burgee!
- See inside for details!

30 Jun. - Sat. - **Wooden Boat Show—Mystic, CT**

- Attend the 16th Annual Wooden Boat Show and step aboard traditional classics and contemporary wooden boats of every type. Large and small; old and new; power, sail, oar and paddle—all will be on display at Mystic Seaport.
- Call Gary Hansen to get car pool and departure time information 203-375-9072
- Dinner afterwards at Lenny and Joe’s Restaurant

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