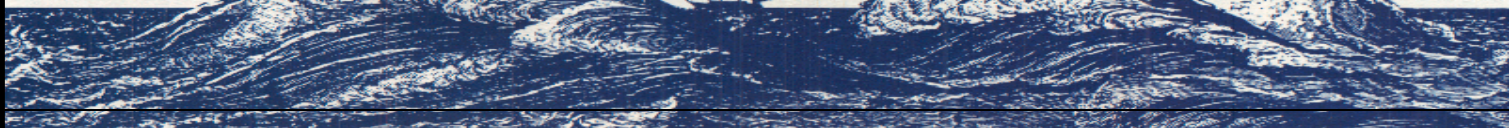




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## HOUSATONIC RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON



### Commander's Message

On October 20, 2007 I attended the USPS District 2 fall Conference in Danbury along with our Squadron Education Officer, Ike Heitlinger and our Past Commander and now National Staff Commander, Peter Neilsen. We had the honor of hosting the USPS Chief Commander Ernest Marshburn and while we have some challenges to grow membership, his message was very encouraging.

Housatonic River again was recognized for our membership recruitment, although we have some work to do to engage and retain members once they join. On the other side of the spectrum, I received a 50 year membership plaque for Elmer Crouthers who was unable to attend the conference so we presented it to him at our Squadron dinner on November 14.

As some members may recall, we had been approached over a year ago to be the chartering organization to sponsor the Stratford Sea Scout ship 101 which has been inactive for many years. This fall that effort got underway again and a former Stratford Sea Scout Chris German has volunteered to serve as skipper and will provide his sailboat that he keeps in Captain's Cove. By the end of December an adult committee has formed, 4 scouts have signed up, and HRSPS has signed the charter agreement. The Sea Scout program is open to both boys and girls and we will pay the dues for the scouts to become apprentice members of HRSPS. We are also encouraging 4 of the 5 adult leaders who are not USPS members to join our Squadron. Please contact me if you are aware of a young person who would like to join the Sea Scout program.

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Finally, I would like to make you aware of an administrative change that will make it more convenient for HRSPS members to pay their annual dues. In 2008 we have signed up for a program known as Headquarters Anniversary Billing. For existing members, their renewal date will remain the same in June but you will now have more options to pay including using credit cards and no delays in clearing checks if paid that way. Members joining from now on will get their dues renewal notice in the month they joined. This program should make it more convenient for members and less administrative work for the treasurer. It will also make it much easier to explain to a prospective new member how much the dues are because there will no longer be a need to prorate them for a partial year. Now that the bugs have been worked out of this program we hope it is a win-win for everyone!

See you at the Change of Watch in March.

*Ira Goldman, SN, Commander*

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inspected this  
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# Cruising to Maine

By Carl Linley

The holidays are over and spring is four months off. What's a boater to do?



*Pocket Beach—Long Island, Maine*

Well, planning this years cruising can be fun. Sort of virtual boating. I like to gather a chart kit, a couple of cruising guides and turn on the computer so that I can look at photos.

Finding new places to visit is the goal. A familiar harbor can be used as a reference. Read the description in a cruising guide and compare a new place with the old familiar place. Think of the best places to visit. What things did you do there?



*Long Island View*

One of my favorites is Long island, no not *that* one. Long island Maine! The town is Frenchboro. The island lies off the Cranberry's and next door to Swans island.

This place has a lot of great features. Lunt harbor is well protected and moorings are easy to find, free for day use and last time only \$20 overnight.

The island is crisscrossed with hiking trails and the whole place is small enough that you can make a day trip to any area.

There is great lobster and pie right at the dock. One time we had crab quesadias made from the local catch, Yummy!



*Lobster Boat off Long Island.  
Mt. Desert Island is in the background*



*Lobster boat unloading its catch.  
Lunt Harbor, Long Island, Maine*

The islanders are very friendly and they even have a museum of island life and history.

There is a gift shop and high quality artwork for sale. The woman at the cash register was happy to talk. Making a personal connection in a remote place makes the whole experience really stand out.



*Kayak's-eye view  
Rogue Island, Maine (about 40mi. from Canada)*

The only thing lacking on Long island is a sandy beach but there are other islands with sandy beaches that don't have half the appeal of Frenchboro.

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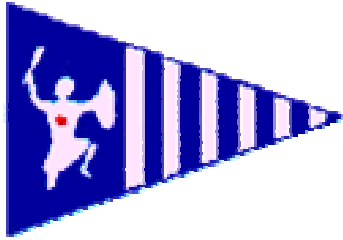
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**Change-of-Watch  
Dinner Meeting**



To be held at

**Outriggers Restaurant**

**Brewer's Marina, Stratford**

**Sunday, 09-March-2008 at 17:00**

(Cocktails at 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 p.m.)

**RSVP Ira Goldman at 203-445-9302**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 22 Jan. - Tue. - **Elective Courses Begin**

- at Ludlow Middle School (Fairfield)
- All members are invited to take classes

### 18 Feb. - Mon. - **February Monthly Business Mtg.**

- At the home of Carl and Chris Linley
- 7:30 p.m.
- All members are welcome

### 9 Mar. - Sun. - **Annual Mtg. and Change of Watch**

- At the Outriggers Restaurant, Stratford, CT
- 5:00 p.m. (*Details Inside*)
- All members are requested to attend

### 12 Mar. - Wed. - **Safe Boating Course begins**

- At Trumbull High School—7:30 p.m.
- See inside for details

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