

the Tar Talks

A Publication of the Norwalk Sail & Power Squadron

The Commander is taking a well-earned vacation. The Commander's Message will return to its normal spot in the next issue.

Save the Date - September 30th

Hold on to your hats. On Friday September 30, at 7:30 pm, we are going to try something completely different. Well maybe not completely different, but definitely different for us. We are going to hold an Open House at Norwalk City Hall, in the Community Room - Open to the Public no less. The featured speakers will be Norwalk Harbormaster Mike Griffin and our own Jeff Scott, JN. A voluntary contribution of \$5 is asked. Light refreshments will be served.

Mike will give an update on the proposed dredging of Norwalk Harbor, and speak about the Harbor Management Commission's plans for the future. Please come out to hear him - he is a genuinely nice guy and a caring individual. We don't want him to think that USPS members are not concerned about these issues.

Jeff's topic should be close to all our hearts as well. USPS has made a concerted effort over the past few years to refresh and update our member courses. Jeff will introduce the new Piloting, Advanced Piloting and Weather courses. For example, the all-new Piloting course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails.

Congratulations

to Kim & Dave Morton, proud parents of a 'new' 1968 Coronado 25. Their old boat, GRATIS, has been lovingly adopted and has a new home on the Hudson.



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Please Renew

Those who have not renewed your membership yet (you know who you are) please get off your duff and send your check to Treasurer Les White. Consider enrolling your spouse, children and even grandchildren. We can all benefit from having more safe, well-educated, boaters.

And Please Volunteer

All USPS and NSPS programs are run by volunteers. The more there are the easier each job becomes. Come to an Exec Committee meeting and get involved.

Safety Corner - Boating Under the Influence: A Quiz

Do you know the law? Take this True/False quiz before you next “pass the green can (or bottle) Number 2... or 3 ... or 4... (Turn the page upside down to read the answers).

1. In Connecticut, the laws for boating under the influence are different from driving under the influence. T F
2. The legal Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) level for intoxication is 0.08% for anyone over age 21, and 0.02% for those under age 21. T F
3. The penalty for a first violation may include a fine of up to \$500, a six (6) month suspension of your boating privileges, and 3 months in jail, or be suspended with probation requiring 50 hours of community service. T F
4. Penalties for subsequent arrests within 10 years result in increased fines, jail time and loss of boating privileges. T F
5. If you have been drinking or using drugs, you are better off to refuse to submit to a chemical test to determine your BAC than failing the test. T F

For further information on boating regulations, please contact the CT DEP Boating Division by e-mail at dep.boating.division@po.state.ct.us, or by telephone at 860-434-8638.

Source: <http://dep.state.ct.us/rec/boating/boatingregs.htm>

1. FALSE. In October 2003, the laws for boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs were amended to mirror motor vehicle law.
2. TRUE.
3. FALSE. The penalties for a first violation are twice that. You may be fined up to \$1000, receive a one (1) year suspension of your boating privileges and 6 months (at least 48 hours that cannot be suspended) in jail or be suspended with probation requiring 100 hours community service.)
4. TRUE.
5. FALSE. Penalties for refusal to submit to a chemical test are more substantial than failing the test.

Quiz Answers

Under the best conditions, a voyage is one of the severest tests to try a man. A college examination is nothing to it.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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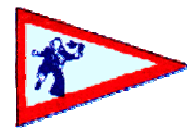
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Public Boating Courses Planned for Fall 2005

As you know, the USPS Squadron Boating Course meets the Connecticut requirements for a Safe Boating Certificate, and for those interested, a Personal Watercraft Certificate. Please talk up the courses to your boating friends and family.

Location 1: Norwalk High School
23 Calvin Murphy Drive
Norwalk, CT 06851

Start Date: Monday, October 17, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Eight-week course ending on December 5. PWC test on December 12. To register for the course, call the Norwalk Continuing Education Department at (203) 854-4115. Cost: \$50.00 for materials.

Location 2: Wilton Middlebrook School
131 School Rd
Wilton, CT 06897

Start Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2005, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Eight-week course ending on November. 29. PWC test on December. 6. To register for the course, call the Wilton Continuing Education Department at (203) 834-7694. Cost: \$75.00 includes \$25 for use of the school

Any questions, contact SEO Bill McClenaghan by phone at (203) 838-4984 or email wmcclena@aol.com.

Member Course Update

Weather: Tuesday evenings for 12 weeks beginning September 13th (we've been delayed a week from our original start date), Norwalk City Hall, 7 - 9 pm. Cost \$50. Instructor is Jeff Scott, JN.

Engine Maintenance: Thursday evenings for 12 evenings beginning September 8, Norwalk City Hall, 7 - 9 pm. Instructor is John Frank, AP. This is a 2-part class, with both parts taught in the 12 weeks. So far we've not had anyone sign up for Part 1. If that continues to be the case, we'll begin Part 2 on 9/8.

Operations Training / Leadership Development: This course will be offered in November. More info coming up later.

NSPS logo items for sale at Ships Store

Include hats, sweatshirts and burgees. Take a look at
<http://www.ct-shoreline.com/nps/shipsstore.html>



D/2 Fall Conference Next Month

Hosted by
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7-9 October 2005

Amsterdam, NY
The Amsterdam Best Western Hotel
10 Market Street
Amsterdam, NY
518.843.5760

Program includes lunch with guest speaker from NYS Canal Corp

Full details at

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d2/d2event.html#Distri ct>

Boat Show Reminder

The Norwalk Boat Show runs from Thurs, 9/22 through Sun 9/25 at Cove Marina. Volunteers to man the USPS booth get free admission to the boat show for the day they work. Leave a message for NSPS (and D2) Boat Show Chairman Bill McGirr at 203-406-4399, or email GoldCoastBill@hotmail.com if you wish to help.

Upcoming Squadron Events

Executive committee meetings are open to all members.

Date	Event	Location
9/22-25	Norwalk International In-Water Boat Show	Norwalk Cove Marina
9/27 Tues	Squadron Boating Class starts, 7 - 9 pm	Middlebrook School, Wilton
9/30 Fri	Open House, 7:30 pm; Mike Griffin gives an update on Norwalk Harbor; Jeff Scott on course updates	Norwalk City Hall, Community Room
10/3 Mon	NSPS Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	Room 333, Norwalk City Hall
10/7-9	D2 Fall Conference	The Amsterdam Best Western Hotel, 10 Market Street, Amsterdam, NY
10/17 Mon	Squadron Boating Class starts, 7 - 9 pm	Norwalk High School
11/7 Mon	NSPS Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm	Room 333 Norwalk City Hall
12/5 Mon	NSPS Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm	Room 333 Norwalk City Hall



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