



the Tar Talks

A publication of the Norwalk Sail & Power Squadron

Commander's Message - Kai Horan, P

Happy Summer! The snow and ice has finally melted and I am certainly happy to be turning my sights to summer and boating season. Whether you are in the throws of prepping a boat, taking some time off the water, or just getting back into it after some time away - I hope you will read through this issue of Tar Talks. This is the first issue of 2011 and the last issue in print. We're going green, so be on the lookout for future issues electronically. In these pages you will read about the great progress the squadron has made recently as well as interesting news and upcoming events. As we build out our education and social programs we are also building a stronger squadron for the future.

The Norwalk area is rich in maritime history and opportunities. I encourage all members, existing and new, to take full advantage of these opportunities... and to get involved in squadron activities. There's something for everyone.

You should have received a squadron membership roster but if you didn't please let us know - we have extras and are happy to get you a copy so you can be connected with other members.

Got a new idea? Let us know! This is your squadron and you can help make it even better. For the latest information on events and classes go to www.norwalksailandpowersquadron.org

Wishing you smooth sailing in 2011.



GOING GREEN

Connecticut's Clean Marina Program

In 2003, Connecticut began the Clean Marina program to promote the environmental protection of our precious waterways. The Program encourages inland and coastal marina operators to minimize pollution. The program also recognizes Connecticut's marinas, boat-yards, and yacht clubs that go above and beyond regulatory compliance as "Certified Clean Marinas." All certified marinas receive a Clean Marina Flag to fly at their facility. The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection recognizes certified Clean Marinas on their web page, www.ct.gov/dep/cleanmarina and at public events.



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The Clean Boater Program

As a companion to the Clean Marina Program, The Clean Boater Program encourages boaters to learn about and use green boating techniques when maintaining their boats. Products used to clean boats often contain harmful ingredients, which are used out of habit. Often chlorine, phosphates and ammonia are used to wash decks and hulls of boats. These products can damage human and fish tissue. There are "green" alternatives to these and other harsh chemicals, products that are less harmful to you or the environment. Baking soda, vinegar and lemon juice are far less harmful than bleaches, scouring powders, or detergents.

For more information go to www.ct.gov/dep/cleanmarina

From The Education Dept. - Mike Brown, SN

The past year's educational program is one of the most active programs in years for Norwalk Sail & Power Squadron. Expanding the education program was a truly a group effort with many pitching in to help with flyers, arranging classrooms, communicating students, ordering exams and of course the most important part, instructing students.

In fall 2010, Norwalk held two elective classes, Engine Maintenance and Weather. Engine Maintenance was taught by John Frank. Weather was taught by Jeff Scott. Both courses were at St. Philip during the weekday evening hours.

Starting in January 2011, we began the second year of our innovative winter education program offering four Saturday courses: America's Boating Course (ABC), Seamanship, Sail and Piloting. ABC was held at the Norwalk Public Library and graduated six students. *continued page 4.*

The 2011 Bridge



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Jon Ricci, P



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Congratulations to the following students for successfully completing these courses and Advanced Grades:

ENGINE MAINTENANCE
Antonio Angarita
Joe C. DeFranco
Vernon C. Miller
Kristopher Wagner

SAIL
Walter T. Graham
Dana Sisson
Gerard Cremoux

WEATHER
Jonathan Ricci
Karl M. Wagner

PILOTING
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Jim Dobbs
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SEAMANSHIP
Michael Barnaba
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America's Boating Course

Jane Graham
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Lisa Siegel
Henry W. Siegel
Talia Islander
Zachary Usliander
Anne Caldwell
Bridgid Rooney
Caroline Fernandez
Clair O'Hollaran
Donna Kydes
Ed Sambuco
Fallon Batone
Guy Sullivan
Jessica Adrian
Jessie Caldwell

Joey Pelazza
Judith Hunter
Judy Marston
Justin Bernadino
Kathrine Sullivan
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Marsdon
Nate Kohl
Rachel Pelazza
Rebecca Kohl
Sabastion Bonilla
Stephanie Mason
Stephen Mettler
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The Quote of the Season-Les White, P

"...In river travel today, perhaps nothing is finer than arrival in the center of a town without having to undergo those purgatorial miles of vile sprawl, hideous billboards, and reiterated franchises where we become fugitives of the ganged chains in an endless surround of no-placeness, where the shabbiest of architectural detritus washes up against the center of town. To come by canal or river is to see a genuine demarcation between country and city, and to fetch up in the historic heart of things the way travelers once did when towns had discernable limits, actual edges, and voyagers knew when they had entered or departed a place..."

From "River Horse", by William Least Heat-Moon

Safety Corner

Do you need to replace your flares? Are your life jackets in good condition and sized correctly for your passengers? Are your fire extinguishers OK? If you get all your safety gear in order now, preparing for your Vessel Safety Check will be much easier.

Are you aware that Federal law requires the operator – or owner, if the operator is deceased or unable to make the report – to file a boating accident report with the State reporting authority when, as a result of an occurrence that involves a boat or its equipment:

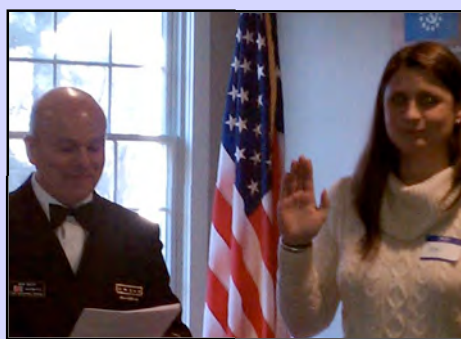
- A person dies
- A person disappears from the vessel under circumstances that indicate death or injury
- A person is injured and requires medical treatment beyond first aid
- Damage to vessels and other property totals \$2,000 (lower amounts in some states and territories) or more
- The boat is destroyed

Bette Conner, AP, Safety Officer & VSC Chair

Holiday Party January 2011



Change of Watch March 2011



Welcome To New Members:

- Justin Bernadino
- Sebastian Bonilla
- Fallon Bottone
- Terence G. Dinnean
- Caroline A. Fernandez
- Melanie Gedney
- Judith A. Hunter
- Tucker Kilcoyne
- Rebecca Kohl
- Nate Kohl
- Marina Kydes
- Donna Kydes
- Melissa Lupo
- Leonard R. Marston
- Judy Marston
- Stephanie A. Mason
- Stephen W. Mettler Jr.
- Claire O'Halloran
- Rachel Pelazza
- Joey Pelazza
- Charles A. Platt
- Ed Sambuco
- Katherine Sullivan
- Jared Sullivan
- Guy Sullivan
- Amelia Sullivan

Education *continued...*

These four courses represent a large increase over last year's single winter course. Many thanks to our winter session instructors: Kai Horan, Laura Shaw, Mike Brown, Jim Hamren and Karl Wagner. Special thanks to Ruth Jansson for her tireless support with PR, flyers and NSPS website support.

In addition to the winter session, Norwalk hosted an Instructor Development course taught by John Sutton with students from both Norwalk and Greenwich. We also held our Spring America's Boating Course taught by Jim Hamren and Laura Shaw at Saugatuck Harbor Yacht Club with a bumper crop of 26 students.

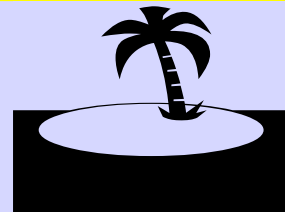
While I have only been in the SEO position for two years, it has been a period of rapid changes and a revitalizing of our education program. It has been challenging to keep up with the changes at times, but we have a terrific education team and I am proud to have had the opportunity to lead such talented and dedicated individuals. As I leave the position, I am confident that our new SEO, Karl Wagner, will continue to grow the NSPS Educational program and take advantage of the increasing tools from USPS national.

Hold the date

ANNUAL SQUADRON SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday August 14- (Rain or shine)

Sprite Island Yacht Club - 1-6 pm



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All members are invited and encouraged to submit items for publication.

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- **Norwalk Seaport Oyster Festival**
Sept. 9-11
- **Newport International Boat Show**
Sept 15 -18
- **Norwalk International In-Water Boat Show**
Sept. 22-25
- **Annapolis Boat Show**
Oct. 6-10

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