

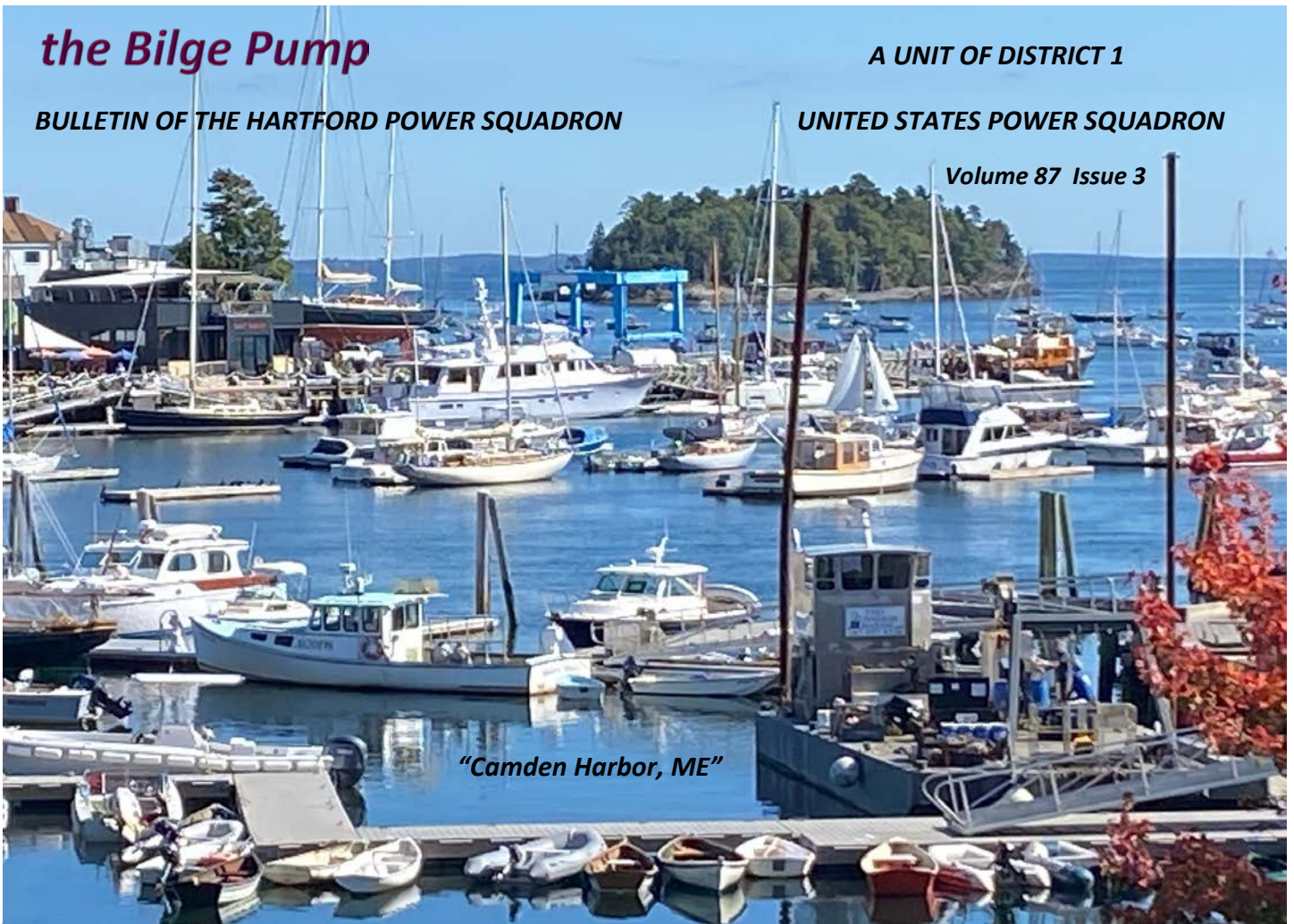
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At the Helm

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Ahoy All,

It may be the end of the boating season here in Connecticut, so we're lining up activities for the "off boating" season. We have our District Fall Conference coming up on Saturday, November 16th at Filomena's Restaurant in Waterford, CT. It's a great opportunity to learn what the Squadrons are doing, while enjoying an excellent dinner and comradery. Registration information will be in the Fall issue of the Sounds of One.

The Hartford Squadron is offering a **Special Fall Promotion** for our ABC Course. It's a 1 day, 8 hour class at the Bristol Public Library- includes the Manual, Coffee, & Lunch, all for only \$15!! Tell your family and friends who have yet to get their Boat Operators Certificate to mark their calendars, Oct 26th! Contact our Secretary/Treasurer, Cliff McKibbin, to register.

Rana Bonanno Bailey, the fleet captain and longstanding member of the Middlesex Yacht Club (MYC) in Chester, CT. gave an excellent presentation at our September member meeting about her experience as a boater going back to the time when she was in grade school. As fleet captain, Rana is responsible for planning, scheduling, promoting, organizing, and leading the MYC boaters and social members for rendezvous along the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound.

She herself owns and operates a 38' Chris Craft Commander. When not on the water, Rana is spending her time working with, and teaching kids (and adults) to dance. Thank you Rana, we hope to see you at Power Squadron rendezvous too!

As of this writing, we do not have a speaker or program for our October Member meeting. **We need your input** as to what you are interested in seeing, and any leads for speakers would be appreciated. I'm sure we will put a program together for the October Meeting, but to just "fill in the time slot" is not what we want to do. We want to give you programs you want to see. Please contact me or our Admin Officer Jim Salvatore with your suggestions & leads.

Our District Holiday Party this year is at the Middletown Elks Club on Sunday afternoon, December 15th, from 2pm-6pm. It will be a lot of fun, with entertainment by Dennis Nardella, "Nardella's Music". He promises to get everyone up and dancing and will be taking music requests all afternoon. An excellent buffet dinner will be served, and we will be doing the Yankee Swap Grab Bag once again. We are expecting a sellout. Get your reservations early!

The Hartford Boat Show at the Mohegan Sun is back on January 16-19, 2025! Our District will have a booth & if you are interested in helping to staff the booth, please contact Cdr Pat Pabouet at Argus06108@aol.com.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next member meeting, and hope you get to enjoy your boat for a few more weeks before putting it away for the season.

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP



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Our Marine Electrical Systems class is underway but our 26 October ABC class is still available. If you have children or grandchildren that need their CT-DEEP Certificate to Operate a Power Vessel, please let them know about the course.

Notice the special Fall Promotion Price of \$15

ABC-Bristol Public Library (one day course), 5 High St. Bristol, CT 06010 [860-584-7787](tel:860-584-7787)
Saturday: Offered 10/26/2024 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Cost: \$15 includes Manual/Coffee/lunch

This is an 8-hour course meeting the requirements of the State of Connecticut DEEP for its Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operations.

The final exam will be given at the end of the day and after passing the exam the student will receive the Hartford Power Squadron's Certificate attesting to the passing of the NASBLA test which can be used in any State to apply for a License or Certificate to operate a power boat.

The Connecticut student will then be able to apply on-line for the State of Connecticut DEEP Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operations.

Please email Cliff McKibbin at cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net to register or to get more information.

Would you like to teach one of our courses? If you have taken a course and would like to teach it, please contact Pat Pabouet.

Are there any courses you would like to take! Please let us know!

September Meeting featured Rana Bonanno Bailey

Rana Bonanno Bailey is the fleet captain and longstanding member of the Middlesex Yacht Club (MYC) in Chester, CT. As fleet captain, Rana is responsible for planning, scheduling, promoting, organizing, and leading a number of recreational boaters and social members for rendezvous along the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound for the MYC fleet of 68 boaters ranging from 20 to 50 feet.

Rana gave us a spirited talk on how she learned to operate a boat starting at age 6. Her father was instrumental in teaching her the ins and outs of boating on both the CT river and the Sound. They had a series of larger boats during her upbringing, and she was especially excited when they got a boat with a 'real' head.

She hopes everyone teaches their daughters how to back up the trailer, unload and load the boat, handle docking with one and two engines, tie up to a fixed dock when the tide is high, handle rough seas, and even change the oil.

She is now training her 10-year-old daughter with the help of her father. This summer they rafted-up on several cruises with the Middlesex YC. Her daughter recently helmed their 38' Chris Craft Commander in rough seas while Rana went below to handle an issue in the engine room.



September Member Meeting Highlights



Above photos by David Waseleski: Introduction by Susan Chenard; Speaker giving Presentation; Speaker and her daughter; Cdr Bill Waseleski presents Rana Bonanno Bailey with a Power Squadron Mousepad



Above photos by Susan Chenard: Speaker checking the engine; Speaker and her boat; Speaker continues with Presentation; Krystal Waseleski listens intently to the Presentation

EXTENDED!

FALL PHOTO CONTEST - NAUTICAL THEME

Open to Squadron members and their family
Submit up to three of your best photos taken in 2023 or 2024

DEADLINE **DECEMBER 15TH**!

1st prize \$50 cash, 2nd prize \$25, and 3rd prize \$10

Winners will be announced in the January Bilge Pump, with prizes given at the January Member Meeting

Click here to [Upload your](#) JPEG PICTURES!



America's Boating Channel™ Fire Extinguisher Regulations

In 2022, the Coast Guard amended portable fire extinguisher rules for recreational vessels in the U.S., making it easier and less costly for millions of boat owners to maintain the onboard fire protection equipment that they need.



The rules do not change the number or types of extinguishers required on board but do simplify inspection and record-keeping requirements. The simplified rules also are now published with other recreational boating rules, making it easier to identify them.



America's Boating Channel video [“Fire Extinguisher Regulations”](#) offers an overview of the rules that separates commercial and recreational vessel fire protection requirements. It will help you learn how to ensure that all required portable fire extinguishers comply. Also featured are tips for preventing onboard fires in the first place.

If you need a refresher on classifications and carriage requirements for marine fire extinguishers, the channel offers a second video titled [“Fire Extinguisher Standards.”](#) It offers tips for placing and servicing fire extinguishers, and explains the acronym PASS. Above all, ensure that the proper number of functional fire extinguishers are on board, readily accessible and that all responsible adults on board know to pull, aim, squeeze, and sweep.



U.S. Coast Guard approved marine-type fire extinguishers fully charged and in good and serviceable condition are required on recreational boats where the engines or fuel system could pose a fire hazard. Good and serviceable means that a fire extinguisher aboard a recreational vessel is properly charged and reads charged if it has a pressure gauge reading or charge indicator, that the extinguisher has a pin lock that is firmly in place, that it does not show visible signs of significant corrosion or damage and has a discharge nozzle that is clean and free from obstructions. Disposable dry chemical extinguishers expire 12 years after their date of manufacture, and rechargeable extinguishers expire annually unless maintained by a certified technician.

Follow the video links above or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

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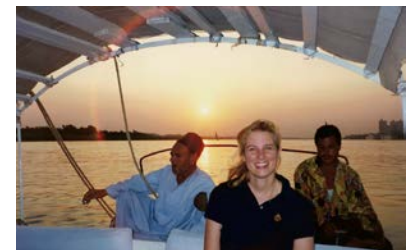
October Member Meeting

Diving and Boating Experiences in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba

Late 1980s Through 2003

Susan Chenard

From 1989 to 2003, I lived, worked, and traveled through the Middle East and North Africa while I was teaching English in Saudi, Egyptian, and British educational institutions. In my spare time, I dove from the shore and from commercial dive boats exploring the coral reefs, wrecks, and aquatic life in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aqaba. Most notably, while I was teaching at the British school, I arranged a dive trip with other experienced divers from the community to the Farasan Islands where Jacque Cousteau conducted his shark studies.



Meeting Time and Place:

Date: Tuesday, 22 October 2024

Time: 6:30 for dinner, 7:15 for the program

Place: Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT

Cost: \$20 to order off the menu. Includes tax and tip. Cash bar.

Reservations: Jim Salvatore at: jimsal1@comcast.net

