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At the Helm

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Ahoy All,

I hope you all had a very good summer of boating. It sure was a hot one, with lots of rain! Let's keep our fingers crossed that Hurricane Season stays as unusually quiet as it is.

Our CoOp Charting outing on June 15th was a success, but a bit of an adventure for my crew. Upon launching my boat in East Hartford, we found that the steering had frozen up over the winter & I was unable to steer the boat. The crew that started in Old Saybrook was able to complete their half of the survey from Old Saybrook up to Haddam, but we had to put my boat back onto the trailer and get the steering repaired. We finally got our half of the river from East Hartford to Haddam finished on July 27th. But we did it! Lesson learned ... Lubricate your steering cable before putting the boat away for the winter! CoOp Chairman Cliff McKibbin reported that our Squadron ranked 9th in the country for determining potential errors or required updates, a public service for all boaters. We report issues found to the US Coast Guard.

Speaking of classes, we have a new instructor in our Squadron, Rob Goldstein. Rob will be teaching the Marine Electrical Systems course. We are offering the course starting 04 September for 8 weeks at the Cromwell Scout Lodge, Watrus Park Rd, Cromwell, CT

This is the first time in several years that we will be offering Marine Electrical Systems. We all welcome Rob to our crew of instructors!

Our first ABC class of the fall season will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at the Bristol Public Library. We're trying something new. As we are a "Non-profit organization", we are offering the class including the manual, coffee, lunch, & snacks for only \$15! We're hoping this new low price will attract attention to our Squadron, encourage more member involvement, & help recruit new members.

Tell your friends to register early, we're already getting sign-ups!

Our 1st Member meeting will be on September 24th, at the Olympia Diner, 6:30PM. Rana Bailey will be speaking on "Women in Boating".

Don't miss the Fall Conference, it's on Saturday, Nov 16th, at Filomena's Restaurant, 262 Boston Post Rd, In Waterford, CT. It runs from 9AM to 2:30PM. The cost is only \$30. More details to follow in the Sounds of One.

We will be at the Hartford Boat Show again this year, it's on January 16-19, 2025, at the Mohegan Sun.

May you have fair winds and following seas!

Cdr Bill Waseleski, AP



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We are excited to announce our 2024 fall course schedule that includes ABC and Marine Electrical Systems.

Marine Electrical Systems

8 week course/2 hours per night starting at 6:30 pm
Begins Wednesday, 9/4/24, skipping 10/2/24
Cromwell Scout Lodge, Watrus Park Rd, Cromwell, CT
Cost includes one manual
Members: \$75, Second family member \$20



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.

District June Rendezvous at Middlesex Yacht Club

The District visited the Middlesex YC in Chester 31 May to 2 June for its annual June Rendezvous and Council meeting.

We had a good turnout with 34 members and guests from 9 of our 11 squadrons that enjoyed activities including the June Council Meeting, the "Blessing of the Fleet and Remembrance Ceremony" by P/D/C Bud Greenbacker, SN and a menu that included raw clams, steamers, and corn on the cob as well as the usual burgers and hot dogs.

The District Bridge at the June Rendezvous. L-R: Secretary Linda Lewis, AP, Commander Pat Pabouet, P, Admin Officer Bill Waseleski, AP, and Treasurer Peter Jenkin, SN. Photo by Jeanne Waseleski



District June Rendezvous, continued

D/C Pat Pabouet, P thanked the Middlesex Yacht Club for the venue, Saybrook Squadron for the coffee and pastries, the New Haven Squadron for the cooking, and the entire D1 Bridge for their efforts.



June Rendezvous photos by Jeanne Waseleski

15 June/27 July Hartford Squadron CoOp Charting

The Hartford Squadron made its annual CoOp Charting trip on the Connecticut River. A mechanical delayed one boat until 27 July. On the Connecticut River they found 114 ATONs with no discrepancies and 12 with missing numbers, needing paint, and even some obscured by foliage. Another 11 in Hamburg Cove had problems but they are not within the jurisdiction of the USCG. The discrepancies were all reported to the USCG.

This year's team was (front row) D/C Pat Pabouet, Paula Berlandy, Sarah Berlandy, and Carrie Letendre; (Back row) Cdr Bill Waseleski, Lt/C Jim Salvatore, Lt/C Tom Berlandy, Ken Letendre, Pete Berlandy, Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, P/Cdr Tim Tyler. Photo by David Waseleski



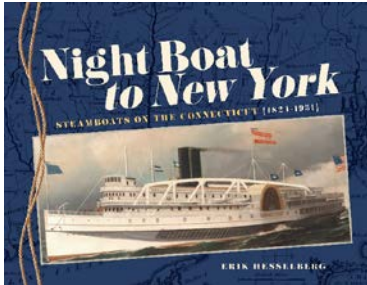
Above photos taken by Cdr Bill Waseleski. Some of the problems found on the river.



The May Member Meeting featured:

Night Boat to New York: Steamboats on the Connecticut, 1815–1931 by speaker and author Erik Hesselberg.

Cdr Wm Waseleski with Eric Hesselberg; Speaker presenting the evening's Program.



Photos by Sue Chenard

Don't Forget your PHOTOS!

FALL PHOTO CONTEST: DEADLINE **October 1st!**

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

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

Rules: Open to Squadron members and their family.

Submit up to three of your best photos taken in 2023 or 2024.

Winners will be announced at the October Member Meeting.



We're Invited

To the Middlesex Yacht Club Clambake, Saturday, 14 September 2024

12:00 – 2:00 PM Lunch

New England Clam Chowder, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Clams on the half Shell, Mussels, Chips, Cookies, Soda, Beer, Wine.

5:30 PM Dinner

Lobster or Steak, Corn on the Cob, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Dessert, Children's option of Hot Dog or Hamburger.

7:15 PM Tea Cup Raffle Winning numbers posted

All prices include lunch and dinner

Adult Steak or Lobster dinner: \$35

Adult Deluxe Steak or Lobster dinner: \$45

Adult Surf and Turf Dinner: \$45

Child Hamburger Dinner: \$10

R.S.V.P. BY TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, NOON. CARIN MANCINI- (860) 989-4759. PAY CASH WHEN YOU ARRIVE. NO CHECKS or CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. CASH BAR ONLY. (YOU CANNOT BRING ALCOHOL).



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Featured September Speaker- Rana Bonanno Bailey “Women In Boating”



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. 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) dance. She has owned and operated her own studio for 16 years and managed to not only keep the dance studio running but also build her musical theater (now going into its 7th year) through the pandemic. When not on the water or teaching, she absolutely LOVES spending as much time with her 10 year old daughter and hopes that she will love the water and dancing as much as she does one day.

Meeting Time and Place:

Date: Tuesday, 24 September 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