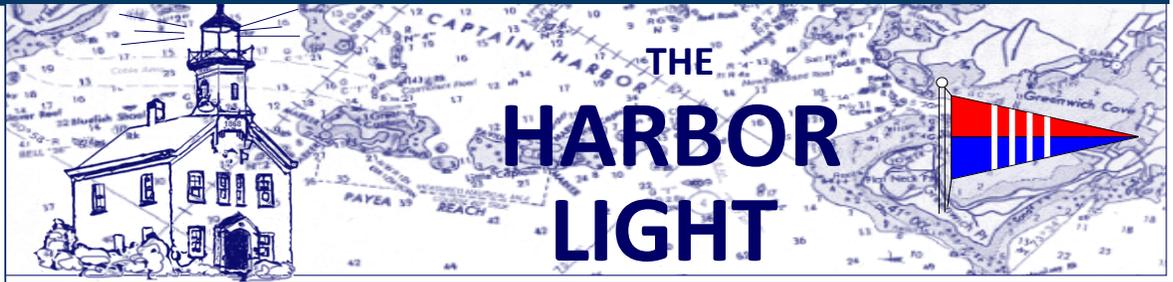


United States Power Squadrons



Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron — District 2

<http://www.greenwichsps.org>

Greenwich, Connecticut, L 41° 00' N, Lo 73°37' W

July-August 2016



“At sea, I learned how little a person needs, not how much.” - Robin Lee Graham

Hello fellow boaters! I hope you have started your boating season, whether it has been on your own boat, a fellow boater's, a raft-up, or even a kayak or paddle board – the important thing is getting out on the water!

The Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron is off to a great start this season. We put on ABC classes in May and June with record turnout. On May 7th we graduated 22 and on June 11th there were 63 graduates, an unprecedented number this year in our District. This success would not be possible if not for the

efforts of our lead instructor, Andy Cummings, with the support of Susan Ryan, Bob and Teresa Henry, Dave Cassuto, Gordon Updegraff, George Friend, Jim Perito and me.

GSPS held a sold-out powerboat handling training (POTW) on June 18th, with 3 boats for instructors and students and one media boat. It was a huge undertaking – the only one of its kind in District 2 this year - and many thanks to Susan Ryan for pulling that together. It takes many people to put on these courses, so if you'd like to become involved it's a great way to start.

With these successful courses comes an influx of 91 new members (a 6-month introductory membership is given with the ABC course). This is an opportunity for them to benefit from our activities. If you know any new members, please reach out to them! I have an aggressive membership retention goal which I believe we can do. Susan's excellent Marketing campaign brings in the boaters and it takes the fellowship and classes we offer to retain them. It is why I joined...the nice people who shared their knowledge and friendship willingly despite my being a relatively new boater at the time.

On the social side we have Tuesday Sunset Cruises as well as our traditional Lobster Bake (July 10th), and Raft-ups held at Greenwich Cove. Please contact Gordon Updegraff for these. His email is glupdegraff@key-control-systems.com.

On the education side we have Advanced Piloting course starting September 13th and other courses offered by the Consortium of nearby USPS squadrons teaching classes. Check out our website www.GreenwichSPS.org.

The quote I started this article with has a lot to do with what we are doing on the Bridge and Executive Committee this year; “Simplification” has become my mantra! This year we have standardized Event Planning and Reporting, as well as standardizing our monthly Treasurer's report to align with reporting on the Annual Budget. This standardizing makes it easier to read real results and determine where we stand. Then our reports are familiar, saving meeting time, and allowing us to go spend time on the water!! I think that's best!

Fair winds and following seas,

Bill Vernon, Commander

Please call with any questions or comments! Cell: 203.561.4776

“Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends.” SM



Education Update

Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron

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The spring season has been busy for the Education Department. We held one day ABC Courses on May 7 and June 11, with 22 students and a record setting 63 students, respectively. These classes were supported by a fine team of assistant instructors: Susan Ryan, Ralph Kravitz, Bill Vernon, Gordon Updegraff, Bob Henry, Terry Henry, David Cassuto, and George Friend.



63 students passed their safe boating class in June. This was the largest in District 2.

We followed our ABC classes with Practical on the Water (POTW) training on June 18. Eleven students met at Innis Arden Cottage for a brief introduction and then boarded three boats at Old Greenwich Yacht Club for hands-on experience. On the water training was led by Fred Mangelsdorf with Jeff Gerwig, and Chris Windeler also serving as on the water instructors. George Friend and a team aboard his boat Merle provided on the water support.

POTW is the Squadron's premier seminar because it provides real experience with an instructor who meets rigorous standards. No other organization offers this.

But while students gain unmatched experience in POTW, this course is very demanding to organize. Once again Susan Ryan outdid herself. From organizing instructors, to making boat assignments, arranging for use of facilities and ensuring that boats had current Coast Guard inspection stickers, Susan made sure that the course went flawlessly.

As National no longer provides a boat for POTW, squadrons that provide this course are dependent upon volunteers. Thanks to Mark and Greg Fisher for offering their boat for a second year in a row. And a special thanks to Rick Kral at the Greenwich Water Club for donating two boats for this event. Rick's support was extremely generous.

We have a choice of where we can buy boats, fuel, parts, supplies, and service, so I would encourage all Squadron members to return the support to the Greenwich Water Club by giving them our business.

**Andy Cummings, JN
Squadron Educational Officer**



Safety : Safe Towing

Emily's Law in Connecticut includes many new requirements related to towing. Among these requirements are that the boat operator must be at least 16 years old and the observer must be at least 12 years old. Also, any boat operator obtaining a safe boating certificate on or after October 1, 2015 also must possess a Connecticut Safe Waterskiing Endorsement. (The updated US Power Squadron course in Connecticut qualifies students for this endorsement.)

Here are a few tips for safe towing this summer taken from the DEEP Supplement:

- Review and use appropriate hand signals.
- Keep a good look out and steer clear of other boats and obstacles. Watch out for swimmers.
- Towing of multiple inflatable devices or an inflatable and a skier at the same time is not recommended.
- Operators should not exceed 20 mph when towing an inflatable device.
- A tow line must not exceed 100 feet. Make sure the line is in good condition.
- Observe no wake zones and night time restrictions.
- Boating and alcohol do not mix.
- Turn off the motor when a person is entering or exiting the water.
- When approaching a person in the water keep the person in sight, approach on the operator's side of the boat, and keep wind and current in mind. Stop a safe distance away.
- Never back up toward a person in the water.

Andy Cummings, JN

2015 Recreational Boating Statistics

U.S. Department of
Homeland Security
**United States
Coast Guard**



Every year, the **U.S. Coast Guard** compiles statistics on reported recreational boating accidents. These statistics are derived from accident reports that are filed by the owners / operators of recreational vessels involved in accidents.

The latest Boating Statistics publications are available here for you to

review. Click

<http://www.uscgboating.org/library/accident-statistics/Recreational-Boating-Statistics-2015.pdf>

First Raft-up 2016 - June 25th

Thanks for a great day, David Leisten.



Practical On The Water Training (POTW) June 18th

Probably the best instruction that the United States Power Squadrons offers – and certainly the most difficult logistically – is this all-day powerboat handling seminar. The Greenwich Squadron is the only squadron in all of District 2 to have given this annually since 2012 and this is thanks to the generosity and hard work of those in our larger boating community.

The logistics began way back – first finding the best on-water instructors with the necessary certification (lead on-water instructor Fred Mangelsdorf from NY, Chris Windeler from NJ who had headed this program for National for years, and Jeff Gerwig from Darien). Then obtaining town permits from our friends at Town Hall (thanks, Jeff Freidag and Denise Savageau.) What about the boats? We needed four – three for instruction and one as the ‘base boat’ coordinating the activities in Captain Harbor. And all had to have their 2016 vessel safety check decals (thanks, John Steger from Westchester.) The breakthrough was when Rick Kral of the Water Club generously offered two of his newest boats. Rick had his two teenagers in our safe boating class last year and since then has been a great proponent of our education. Our member Mark Fisher has worked closely with the High School promoting boating safety since the Fedorko tragedy two years ago, and was happy to offer his. Along with his boat came his teenage son, Greg – now THAT was a bonus! Throughout the event, Greg helped handle the boats dexterously, managed communications professionally and efficiently, and was a delight to have with us.



POTW briefing on Greg Goldsteins boat

Bright and early we met at Innis Arden Cottage for introductions and instructor-briefing and coffee. Fred, Chris, Jeff and Greg went out on

the water to set the buoys for the slalom and range. It had been previously decided that the racing marker V would be good for the slalom, causing least interference with the Saturday boaters. Our educational officer Andy Cummings took all through the theory of powerboat handling with useful videos and answering questions from his personal questions, then out on the water the students went, with pfd's well fastened, sunscreen and sunhats on, and VHF radios tuned to Ch 69. George Friend brought his beautiful boat



over from Byram. It wasn't appropriate for the training, but was perfect as the ‘mother’ boat, assisting the instruction boats where necessary, supplying lunch and hosting the photographer.



At about 3 pm – just as planned by Chief Jim Heavey – the marine police boat zoomed over to give their support for the event. We are fortunate in having such a well manned and well equipped force in town. I have no doubt they were totally responsible for the perfect weather that day.

At about 4 pm the boats returned to shore, and the Old Greenwich Yacht Club commodore kindly gave permission to use the clubhouse porch for a quick beer and happy recap of the day's activities. Once again, the squadron gave everyone involved a chance to meet old friends and make new ones ON THE WATER. And we gave our students a day of very practical powerboat handling.

Susan Ryan



Sunset Cruises: Tuesday 6 PM



Karen Griffin



Maryann Ramos, JC Nierle, Gordon Updegraff, Cynthia Jacques



Skipper George



David Leisten



Merle Leblanc

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The Sailor's Disease: SKIN CANCER

Every hour one person dies from Melanoma!

There's a reason why skin cancer is the sailor's disease, as the intense sun exposure with the sunlight reflecting off of the water and snow-white decks can eventually be deadly.

Much of your risk for skin cancer is genetic: fair skin, blond or red hair, blue or green eyes, and/or a lot of moles, you are at higher risk.

Luckily, there are simple steps we can be taken to lessen our exposure to the UV rays, without cutting into the fun. Like so much else in regard to boating safety, it's all about preparation and prevention.

The following precautions are to be reminded to all:



Sunscreens and sunblocks

Sunblocks are formulated to shield against UVB rays, while sunscreens protect against UVA. Weather chemical or physical you should absolutely wear broad-spectrum SPF-rated cream or lotion **AND** lip balm when on water.

Look for this logo on the products and click the following link to learn more about it <http://www.skincancer.org/products/categories>

Wear big hats with 4" rim or French Foreign legion style cap with cloth drapes in the back and even face masks

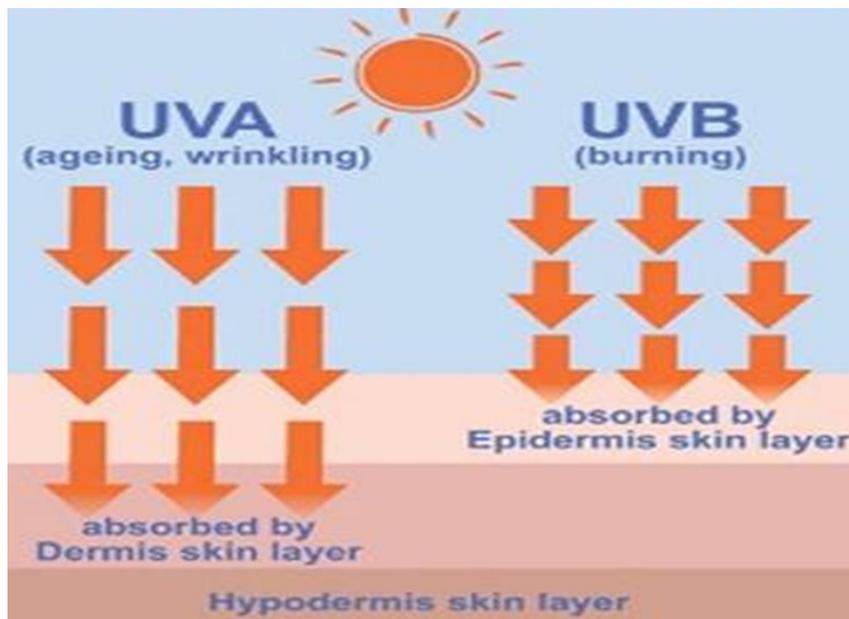
Awnings, dodger, boom Tents and sail canopy.

Obviously, being able to spend time out of the direct sun is a good way to avoid UV rays. It's not absolute, as reflected sunlight still contains rays in the UVA and UVB bands, but far, far less than does the direct sun.

Wear long sleeves, long pants during the hours of the day that present the most direct sunlight, 1000 - 1600 hrs. local time. A plain white t-shirt only provides the equivalent of SPF 5. There are clothes that are UPF ((Ultraviolet Protection Factor) rated.



UPF Rating	Protection Category	% UV radiation Blocked
UPF 15 – 24	Good	93.3 – 95.9
UPF 25 – 39	Very Good	96.0 – 97.4
UPF 40 – 50+	Excellent	97.5 – 98+



Sunglasses. Photokeratitis is a sunburn on the eye that is extremely painful and can permanently damage the cornea. Moreover, skin cancer around the eyes can form easily since this skin is often unprotected by other means, and even cataracts can be promoted by sun exposure. Wear polarized and highly UVA/UVB rated sunglasses.

Cécile C. Delannes



Kick Off Summer Party in May.



District Cdr. Evans enjoying the food



Julie Cummings and Sherry Dey



Bob Henry, Andy Cummings, Bill Vernon



Paulette Evans with Karl and Heggy Wagner



Aphrodite and Andy Papademetriou



Rich and Helen Malloy



Kick Off Summer Party in May.



Barbara Raasch and Roger Klein



Cdr. Craig Burry from Saugatuck River and two new members.



Cdr. Bill Vernon



Cécile C. Delannes



A Weather student and Vivian Werner



Alison Pulau and her husband with John Giddings.



Sam and Nancy York, Janis Stahlhutt, Brian O'Donnell, Rosemarie Claus and Sherry Dey.



Must See



Close to the Wind: Our Maritime History

Storehouse Gallery till September 4, 2016

With 36 miles of coastline, the sea has always played a significant role in the history of Greenwich.

Through paintings, photographs, maps, charts and instruments this exhibition explores the rich history of maritime Greenwich and share the myriad stories that link us to our coastal roots.

Storehouse Gallery is located 39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, CT, This exhibit is opened Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 4:00 pm.

To learn more click the following link: <http://greenwichhistory.org/adult>

Cruising Through the Past: An Exploration of Greenwich History from the Water

Thurs., August 11—5:30 to 7:30 pm

When did Steamboat Road morph from gritty, working waterfront to prime Greenwich real estate? Why did seamen who were fleeing from a burning wreck swim away from Greenwich Point when they were only yards from safety? What drew New York City's infamous Boss Tweed to the Greenwich shore? Hear some of these stories and more when you cruise back through time with Captain Henry E. Marx. The two-hour excursion, hosted by the Greenwich Historical Society, will focus on the important role that Greenwich's shoreline played in shaping its development. From the decks of the Island Beach ferry, you'll gain a whole new perspective on Greenwich history.

To register click the following link: <http://greenwichhistory.org/adult>



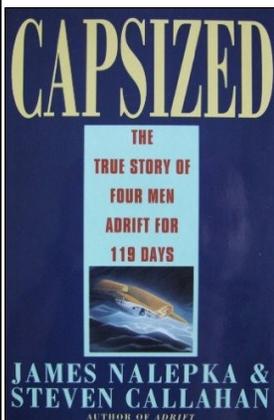
Steamboat Road docks (1920)

Now available in the USA

In 1989 the trimaran *Rose Noelle* set sail from Picton, New Zealand, for Tonga with four men on board. After a freak wave turned the boat upside down, they drifted for 119 days before landing on Great Barrier Island.

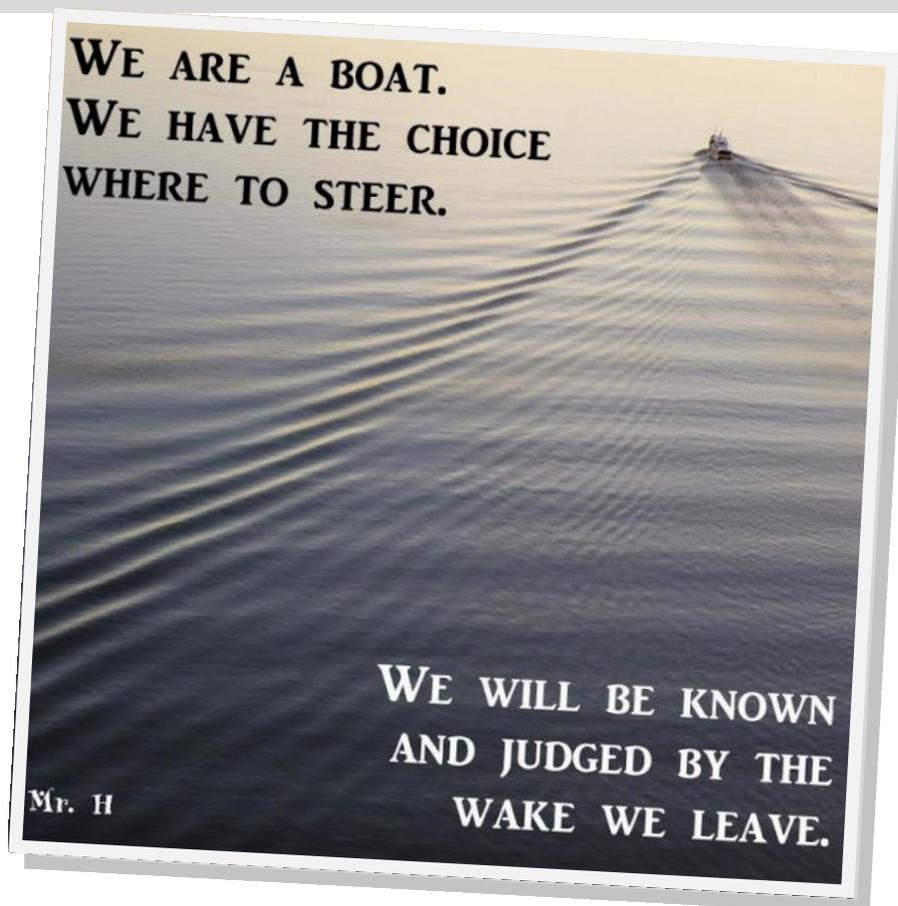
Click the following link to see the trailer: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt4519006/?ref=ttrel_rel_tt

Read about the story of those four men who survived for 119 days revealing how each man faced almost certain death, overcame their fears, and found the will to live.



July - August 2016 *and beyond*

- July 10, 4 pm: Lobster bake at Greenwich Point.
Bring your family and friends to this annual favorite. The Town of Greenwich has given us a special permit for our out-of-town guests. Just give their names to Vicki when you RSVP. If you prefer chicken, let Vicki know.
RSVP Before July 5 **Vicki Malara** and mail her a check for \$40 each made out to GSPS. 150 Southfield Av #1201, Stamford CT 06902
- Summer:
July 21 RAFT UPS & TUESDAY SUNSET CRUISES (see page 5)
Seminar on GPS and on Charting. (Watch flyers for details.)
- August 5: Young Mariners Graduation at Riverside Yacht Club
- August 18 : Seminar on GPS and on Charting. (Watch flyers for details.)
- Sept. 13: **Piloting** class starts at Police HQ. [Click to pre-register](#)
- Sept. 21, 7:30 pm: General Meeting: Open Chart Plotter Navigator by Jon Ricci, JN explores this concise chart plotter and navigation software.
- Oct. 5, 7:30 pm: Executive Committee Meeting at GBYC
- Oct. 19, 7:30 pm: General Meeting GBYC with Speaker
- Nov. 2, 7:30 pm: Executive Committee Meeting at GBYC
- Nov. 16, 7:30 pm: General Meeting GBYC with Speaker



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