



# THE TRIDENT

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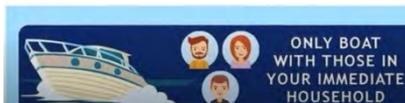
**JUNE 2020**

## DSPS DISTRICT 2

### Boating Safety Videos



#### Social Distancing When Boating



As marinas, yacht and boat clubs are allowed to re-open and boaters take to the water, the Darien Sail & Power Squadron is pleased to present a video on “Social Distancing When Boating.” Note that each organization and harbor will be releasing their own instructions concerning launching, mooring and dock-side procedures, however this video applies, for both sail and power boat operations.

The new “Social Distancing When Boating” video includes tips such as filing a float plan. limiting passengers to household members, following safe fueling practices, and not rafting up with other boats.

The Squadron appreciates of the efforts of America’s Boating Channel, which produces boater safety and education videos, and the Town of Darien’s Channel 79, which has included these videos in their Vimeo collection. There has been excellent and timely assistance from Channel 79 in the development of the video, for which we are truly grateful.

While the segment on “Social Distancing When Boating” is of current interest, several other videos are included in the collection that will be useful this summer: safety tips for paddle sports, stand-up paddleboard safety, cold water survival and the use of life jackets.

You may access the collection of videos, headed by the “Social Distancing When Boating” segment, through the our web site at <http://dsps.darien.org/>

(click on Videos) or by going directly to <http://dsps.darien.org/Videos.htm>

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### **The Bridge**

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Neal Konstantin, AP

### **Advisors**

P/D/C Jeff Gerwig, AP-IN

Peter Lasalandra, AP

## New Roster

We're about to publish a new Membership Directory or Roster. All members in good standing as of June 6, 2020, will be included in the Roster and one copy will be mailed to each "active" member; *i.e.*, a family will only receive one copy. We will have a limited number of extra copies. If you need an extra copy, email [dsps.ct@gmail.com](mailto:dsps.ct@gmail.com)

## Awards

Under normal circumstances, DSPS holds its Change of Watch and Annual Meeting in mid-March. In addition to swearing in the new Bridge officers, we traditionally have given awards to various deserving squadron members. Unfortunately, this year's March Change of Watch was postponed (until the fall) because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We've decided, however, not to wait until fall to recognize last year's outstanding squadron members.

### The Edwin (Bus) Betts Bell Award

The solid brass ship's bell (in memory of Past Commander Edwin Betts, JN) is awarded annually to a member of the Darien Sail & Power Squadron for outstanding contribution to the boating community. The Betts Bell Award for 2019 is awarded to P/C John Pedersen, SN.

### The Monroe Dinell Memorial Trophy Award

The Monroe Dinell Memorial Trophy is awarded annually by the Executive Committee of the Darien Sail & Power Squadron to that member who, during the preceding year, has best typified the spirit of the Darien Power Squadron and that of one of its founders, Monroe Dinell, N. It recognizes the recipient for outstanding efforts during the year, particularly in education, and for those qualities which go to make our squadron better. This The Dinell Trophy Award for 2019 is awarded to Lt/C Lynn Wise Oliver, AP.

### Commander's Award

The Commander's Award is awarded in recognition of significant contributions to the welfare of the Squadron and promotion of its mission. Awarded annually by the squadron commander to the member(s) whose contributions were most outstanding for their quantity, quality or innovation. The Commander's Award for 2019 is awarded to Lt/C Gerry Raasch, P.



Betts Bell



Dinell Memorial Trophy



Commander's Award

## Events We've Missed

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, DSPS has missed quite a few events, including:

Change of Watch  
Spring Refresher

Season Opening Party  
Boat/Camp

Flare/UP!  
Lobster Bake

On the next page, we have a few pictorial reminders of these events.



Change of Watch



Flare/UP!



Spring Refresher



Lobster Bake



Holiday Party



Season Opening Party



Memorial Day Parade



Susan Darcy & Dick Woods

## Proposed New DSPS Bylaws

Every squadron in the United States Power Squadrons is governed by, among other things, a set of squadron bylaws. In general, there are two main purposes of squadron bylaws: first to establish rules and procedures that protect the rights of members, and second to assure that squadron bylaws do not violate USPS Bylaws or compromise USPS Policy. To help insure that squadron bylaws are consistent with these purposes, USPS produces, and periodically updates, "Model Bylaws for Squadrons of USPS."

For the first time in several years, DSPS has begun the process of updating its bylaws and bringing them into conformity with the current version of the "Model Bylaws." The procedure for doing this is somewhat complicated, and we are now at the step where we have submitted our proposed new bylaws to a member of the USPS Committee on Rules for review. After that review is completed and we have incorporated any suggested modifications, we will make the proposed new DSPS Bylaws available for review by all current squadron members. The squadron members will then be asked to vote to adopt the new bylaws at our General Meeting and Change of Watch. At the moment, we expect that the Change of Watch will be scheduled for some time this fall.

## New Member Benefit: DAN Boater



Divers Alert Network (DAN) is a group of non-profit organizations dedicated to improving safety for all divers. It was founded in 1980 at Duke University. In addition to providing a 24/7 telephone hot-line for diving medical assistance, DAN now provides additional benefits, including travel assistance and emergency medical evacuation assistance.

Since January 1, 2020, USPS members can obtain similar emergency and travel assistance through the DAN Boater program. If you were an active USPS/America's Boating Club member on December 31, 2019, you received DAN Boater benefits at no charge through the remainder of your current membership period. When you renew your USPS/America's Boating Club membership, you can continue DAN Boater membership for an additional \$25. For more information about DAN Boater benefits, go to <https://danboater.org/ABC/> or <https://www.usps.org/DANBoater/dbindex.php>

## Squadron Fleet

Our squadron members have a large and varied fleet of boats. Here are some recently-submitted photos:



Earling  
Port & Kathy Draper



Zeppelin II  
Todd Gasunias



Eventide - Dick & Robin Woods



Gandalf<sup>3</sup> - Marc Cohen