



Our History

Organized and chartered on October 12, 1953, the Darien Power Squadron was officially accepted by the Governing Board of the United States Power Squadrons at its annual meeting held in February 1954. Under the sponsorship of the Norwalk Power Squadron, members living in Darien, New Canaan and Rowayton formed an ad hoc committee to consider forming a separate unit to serve these communities.

On October 8, 1953, under the leadership of Richard J. Vogel, SN, the first Squadron Commander, and E. Franklin Phillips, AP, the first Executive Officer, an organizational meeting was held at the home of Monroe L. Dinell, N. Squadron officers were elected, and under the expert guidance of Sparton L. St. John, N, the by-laws for the new squadron were prepared and filed along with the necessary paperwork. Four days later the charter petition was signed.

In March of 1998, the membership voted to change the name to Darien Sail & Power Squadron to better reflect the interests of the organization. The name change was approved by the Governing Board of the United States Power Squadrons at its annual meeting. From the original group of eighteen, the Darien Sail & Power Squadron has now grown to almost 200 individual and family members.

Education of boaters (both power and sail) remains the most important mission of the squadron. Advanced, elective, and supplemental courses are offered each year. For those who travel, arrangements can be made for self-study. For courses not currently available in Darien, attendance at classes conducted by other squadrons is encouraged.

The Executive Committee is the planning and governing body of the squadron. It consists of the bridge officers, the immediate Past Commander and the Members-At-Large. Active management is the responsibility of the Commander and the bridge officers. The Executive Committee meets monthly and all members are cordially invited to attend.

The TRIDENT, the official publication of the squadron, keeps the membership informed of all activities and developments. Your suggestions, contributions, and assistance in publishing and distributing *The TRIDENT* are welcome.

As members of this fraternal boating club, the Darien Sail & Power Squadron, we are dedicated to civic service and self-education in matters having to do with safety on the water. We are committed to achieving and promoting high standards of navigation, seamanship, and safety by exemplary personal conduct and performance.

Abbreviations/Notes

The letters *after* a member's name indicates educational achievement in the Advanced Grades courses:

- S Seamanship
- P Piloting
- AP Advanced Piloting
- JN Junior Navigation
- N Navigation
- SN Senior Navigator is an Educational Achievement Award. This indicates that the member has passed all of the advanced grade courses, and all elective courses.



Past Commanders

Richard Vogel, SN	Francois Barfuss, AP
E. Frank Phillips, Jr., AP	William Swett, AP
Charles Forsdick, AP	George Kraft, P
G. Richard Shoemaker, AP	Carol Burgess, AP
Robert Gaines, AP	David Bowley, SN
Marshall Sheldon, N	Luke Williams, AP
Charles Hashagen, AP	Frank Kemp, JN
A. William Carmichael, JN	John Amarilios, AP
Charles Cornbrooks, N	James Walsh, SN
Edward Geise, N	Maryjane Pacifico, AP
Edwin Sager, N	Richard Woods, SN
Richard Mitchell, N	Theodore Grabarz, P
Churchill Phylfe, AP	Ronald Hiner, JN
James Safford, N	Samuel Bridges, P
William Hagood, N	John Hess, Jr. AP
Albert Marshall, Jr., SN	Mark Haranzo, AP
Roland Voorhees, SN	Carolyn Swiggart, AP
James Vanderford, Jr.,	Charles Chiodo, AP
N James Porter, N	Gunnar Edelstein, AP
George Murray, SN	William Beery, AP
Alan Fuller, SN	Gunnar Edelstein, AP
Edwin Betts, JN	David McKinley, AP
Charles Campbell, AP	Thomas Thornton, S
William Newton, III, N	Alan Santos-Buch, S
William Fuller, AP	Suzanne Schutte, P
Charles Weaver, AP	John Pedersen, SN
Jack Doorlay, SN	Peter Kelly, JN
Hal Hartvigsen, P	Peter Adler, N
Albert Shoemaker, Jr., SN	Geoffrey Axt, AP

Life Members

As of the beginning of 2020, the following DSPS members have been awarded 25 or more merit marks and are thus entitled to the designation of "Life Member."

John Burgess, AP
Harold Erichs, SN
P/D/C Jeff Gerwig, AP
P/C Frank Kemp, JN
P/C James Walsh, SN
P/C Richard Woods, SN



Twenty Five Year Members

The following DSPS members have been members of the United States Power Squadrons for 25 or more years.

Margaret B. Bigelow
Peter Bigelow S
Jeffrey O. Brown, S
John M. Burgess, AP
Mary Kay Daughters, S
Frederic C. Elliott
Harold G. Erichs, SN
Samuel B. Fuller, P
Tadas D. Gasiunas, P
Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP
Faith Grabarz
Theodore L. Grabarz, P
Maryanne E. Granath, S

Ingrid M. Hess, P
John B. Hess Jr., AP
John J. Holland III, P
Frank B. Kemp, JN
Preston Koster, N
Patricia M. Meyers
William F. Meyers
Willett S. Moore Jr., P
Charles J. Pogany
Beverly A. Walsh, SN
James H. Walsh, SN
Richard M. Woods, SN
Robin Woods

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.

1982 William Swett, AP
1983 Albert Shoemaker, SN
1984 Jack Doorlay, SN
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1986 Sidney Zacharias, SN
1987 George Kraft, P
1988 Carol Burgess, AP
1989 David Bowley, SN
1990 Luke Williams, AP
1991 Frank Kemp, JN
1992 John Amarilios, AP
1993 James Walsh, SN
1994 Maryjane Pacifico, AP
1995 Richard Woods, SN
1996 Theodore Grabarz, P
1997 Ronald Hiner, JN
1998 Samuel Bridges, P
1999 John Hess, AP
2000 Mark Haranzo, AP

2001 Carolyn Swiggart, AP
2002 Charles Chiodo, AP
2003 Gunnar Edelstein, AP
2004 William Beery, AP
2005 Harold Erichs, SN
2006 Frank Kemp, JN
2007 Leah Beckman, AP
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2009 Leah Beckman, AP
2010 Suzanne Schutte, P
2011 John Pedersen, JN
2012 Norma Gerwig
2013 Peter Adler, JN
2014 Peter Lasalandra, AP
2015 Roger Klein
2016 Jim Travis, JN
2017 Barbara Raasch
2018 Neal Konstantin, AP
2019 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.

1956 Richard Vogel, N	1989 Frank Kemp, JN
1957 Sparton St. John, N	1990 John Burgess, AP
1958 E. Frank Phillips, AP	1991 Richard Woods, SN
1959 Charles Hashagan, AP	1992 George Delage, AP
1960 Richard Shoemaker, AP	1993 Richard Woods, SN
1961 Edwin Sager, N	1994 Jane Nestler, AP
1962 William Carmichael, JN	1995 Harold Erichs, SN
1963 Robert Gaines, AP	1996 Jeffrey Berg, AP
1964 James Safford, N	1997 Mark Haranzo, AP
1965 Arthur Buck, AP	1998 Tove Simonsen, AP
1967 Garrett Mott, Jr., AP	1999 Frank Kemp, JN
1968 Joseph Bohrer, N	2000 Frank Kemp, JN
1969 Richard Mitchell, N	2002 James Walsh, SN
1970 James Vanderford, Jr., N	2003 Lynn Wise Oliver, AP
1971 James Porter, N	2004 Judith HyersAP
1972 Jeremiah Mackenty, AP	2005 Ian Sidey, AP
1973 Roland Voorhees, SN	2006 Richard Woods, SN
1974 Alexander Danzberger, N	2007 David McKinley, AP
1975 Albert Marshall, Jr., SN	2008 Frank Kemp, AP
1976 Alan Fuller, SN	2009 Thomas Thornton, S
1977 George Murray, SN	2010 Leah Beckman, AP
1978 Edwin Betts, JN	2011 Peter Kelly, JN
1979 Albert Shoemaker, Jr., SN	2012 Lynn Wise Oliver, AP
1980 Ernst Schaefer, N	2013 Minnie Ingardia, AP
1981 Jack Doorlay, SN	2014 Gerry Raasch, P
1982 William Swett, AP	2015 Alex Salvi, AP
1983 Charles Weaver, AP	2016 P.J. Adler, P
1984 Willis Reals, AP	2017 John Pedersen, SN
1986 Sidney Zacharias, SN	2018 Peter Adler, N
1987 Harold G. Erichs, SN	2019 Lynn Wise Oliver, AP
1988 Frank Kemp, JN	



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.

2018 Ellen Bobka, S and
James Travis, JN

2019 Gerald Raasch, P

Merit Marks for 2018 and 2019

Each year the squadron commander recommends to the United States Power Squadrons that Merit Marks be awarded to individuals who have contributed substantially to the squadron. Teaching and helping with the administrative duties are typical accomplishments listed in the squadron commander's recommendations.

In 2018 and 2019, Merit Marks were awarded to the following DSPS members.

Thank you for your service!

2018 Merit Marks

P. J. Adler, P
Peter Adler, N
Ruth Axt
Ellen Bobka, S
Jeff Brown, S
Mark Dam, P
Mary Kay Daughters, S
Fred Elliott
Jeff Gerwig, AP
Norma Gerwig
John Hess Jr., AP
Peter Kelly, JN
Frank Kemp, JN
Beth Kinney

Roger Klein
Neal Konstantin, AP
Peter Lasalandra, AP
Louisa Lima
Lynn Wise Oliver, AP
Grace Pedersen, AP
John Pedersen, SN
Barbara Raasch
Gerald Raasch, P
Alex Salvi, AP
Robert Steckel, P
Jim Travis, JN
Jim Walsh, SN
Richard Woods, SN

2019 Merit Marks

P. J. Adler, P
Peter Adler, N
Geoff Axt, AP
Ruth Axt
Ellen Bobka, S
Jeff Brown, S
Marc Cohen, AP
Mark Dam, P
Mary Kay Daughters, S

Fred Elliott
Jeff Gerwig, AP
Norma Gerwig
Peter Kelly, JN
Frank Kemp, JN
Beth Kinney
Roger Klein
Neal Konstantin, AP
Peter Lasalandra, AP

Louisa Lima
Basil Lyden,
Margie MacMillen, S
Lynn Wise Oliver, AP
Wes Oliver, S
Grace Pedersen, AP
John Pedersen, SN
Barbara Raasch
Gerald Raasch, P

Martha Rhein, P
Robert Steckel, P
Jim Travis, JN
Jim Walsh, SN
Richard Woods, SN