



THE TRIDENT

DSPS DISTRICT 2

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WINTER 2014



Through the Telescope:

As we look ahead to some upcoming squadron activities our focus is on Education while your boat is out of the water.

We have an array of courses being offered this winter starting with the always popular Weather Course taught by Gunnar Edelstein a former AA pilot. Follow high pressure systems as they move across the country and tropical lows as they blow in from the Atlantic. This course starts on January 7 and there are still a few open seats available.

The Squadron gem: Coastal Boating Competence course starts again on February 5. In this class you will learn about safe and competent boating taught by Dick Woods and Frank Kemp. Come refresh your skills or obtain your CT Safe Boating certificate while learning the basics from some of the most experienced and knowledgeable instructors around.

Please check the squadron website dsp.s.darien.org/DSPSCourses.htm for information on these and other courses offered this winter. On January 26th, we expect to have a presentation by a couple who sailed around the world and their adventures.

Finally we have the annual meeting of the Squadron set for March 16. This is known as the Change of Watch. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend, participate in the meeting and enjoy the refreshments.

John Pedersen—DSPS Commander



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Dues Reminder

Did you received your renewal notice but forgot to pay your dues?

Renewing your membership is easy. Go to usps.org/dues with your certificate and invoice number. Payment can be made using all major credit cards.

Any issues or questions can be directed to dspswbmaster@gmail.com. We can resolve all issues or questions. Do it TODAY !



Naval War College—John Maurer Presentation

DSPS hosted a seminar, “*Churchill, Roosevelt, and the Road to Pearl Harbor*” presented by Prof John Maurer, a faculty member of the Strategy and Policy Department at the Naval War College in Newport, RI. The presentation was held on Thursday, October 24 at the Noroton Yacht Club. Over 50 DSPS members, friends and members of the NYC attended the presentation and cocktail party following the speech.

Professor Maurer initially spoke about how the US became embroiled in the Second World War, provided anecdotes on the life of Churchill, the relationship between he and Roosevelt, and behind the scenes looks at the war strategy occurring at this time in the Pacific Rim. Prof Maurer then concluded his presentation with his overview on “Sea Power and America’s Global Role”, covering topics such as issues between China and Japan, piracy on the high seas, and cyber security.

Prof John Maurer is the Alfred Thayer Mahan Professor of Sea Power and Grand Strategy. He is a graduate of Yale University and holds an M.A.L.D. and Ph.D. in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. In addition, he is the author or editor of books examining the outbreak of the First World War, military interventions in the developing world, naval arms control between the two world wars, and a study about Winston Churchill’s views on British foreign policy and grand strategy.

At the Naval War College, he teaches a popular elective course on Churchill and grand strategy. He has received both the U.S. Navy’s Meritorious Civilian Service Award and Superior Civilian Service Award.



Enjoying an evening of naval war history. clockwise: Gunnar Edelstein and friends,; Peter Kelly; John Maurer and John Qua

Holiday Party

On Sunday Dec 15th, DSPS held its annual Holiday Party at The Convent of St Birgitta's at Vikingsborg in Darien.

The sisters of St Birgitta's are a hospitality order that maintain retreat houses around the world. The 19th century Vikingsborg Guest House sits on 10 acres offering breathtaking views of Long Island Sound.



St Birgitta's convent, Darien

Members of DSPS enjoyed a holiday lunch while seated on the festively decorated (and heated) porch overlooking the Scott's Cove area of Darien. Holiday music was provided along with a brief tour of the rooms and the retreat facilities of the convent and its lodging.

With the recent snow covering, the views were spectacular.

We hope you enjoyed the holiday season too and can join us for future squadron events.



Top left-clockwise: members enjoying lunch, holiday music , St Birgitta's view, Gunnar Edelstein with Peter and Flavia Lasalandra.



Squadron Awards

District 2 had its Fall Conference in Williamstown this year. For those of you who may not know the United States Power Squadrons are divided into districts with about 15-20 squadrons comprising each district. Darien is in District 2 along with other squadrons in Fairfield County, Westchester County



and all the way up the Hudson River, western Massachusetts to Lake George and Lake Champlain.

The Berkshire squadron was the host for the Fall conference. The morning sessions consisted of presentations by different squadrons on various topics including burgee significance, individual squadron history, education software and boating safety. After a hearty New England lunch we returned to talk about some pending by-law revisions, a rather "dry" topic, more suitable for land lubbers. Finally it was time for the awards.

The Darien Sail and Power Squadron won the Mel Cohen Safety Award for First Place in the district's USPS Safety Program and garnered another first place award for Contributions to Children's Boating through Boat/Camp the annual on the water event hosted by the Squadron and the Noroton Yacht Club through the efforts of Frank & Judy Kemp for the past 17 years. Assistant Squadron Education Officer Chris Winalski was also recognized for Educational Proficiency by completing Advanced Piloting and three electives..

In addition, the following members were awarded merit marks for contributing to the betterment of the DSPS squadron during 2013. They are

PJ Adler, Peter Adler, Mackenzie Albert, Hugh Balloch, Leah Beckman, Tracy Bessette Swords, Heather Brown Olsen, Sam Bridges, Gunnar Edelstein, Ted Edwards, Fred Elliott, Harold Erichs, Jeffrey Gerwig, Norma Gerwig, Thomas S. Griffin Jr, John Hess, Minnie Ingardia, Peter Kelly, Frank Kemp, Judy Kemp (posthumous), Peter Lasalandra, Flavia Lasalandra, Ray Martin, Kevan Olesen, Lynn Oliver, James Palen, Grace Pedersen, John Qua, Gerry Raasch, Suzanne Schutte, Diane Thornton, Thomas H. Thornton, Jim Walsh, Chris Winalski, Dick Woods

Thank you for your continued service to DSPS !!!



Attracting and retaining members within DSPS is a continuous effort. We are always looking for new ideas to offer to our members for classes, seminars and on the water events that promote boating safety. We organize and conduct community events and social

activities which require volunteers. If you would like to become more involved with DSPS, please contact Peter Kelly at 203 655 4688 or Pkelly103@gmail.com

We welcome your assistance and ideas!!

Come improve your boating skills in the off season. As a USPS/DSPS member you can take courses offered by other squadrons at the "Member rate".

Take a course during the off season. Sign up now !



USPS Courses Offered in 2014



Advanced Grades:

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Offered by</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Seamanship	Westchester	Jan 27	andvpapad@yahoo.com
	Stamford	Apr 23	gwlk@aol.com
	Darien	Sep 2014	Pkelly103@gmail.com
Piloting	Norwalk	Jan 4	nspseducation@optonline.net
	Darien	Sep 2014	Pkelly103@gmail.com
Advanced Piloting	Norwalk	Mar 15	nspseducation@optonline.net
	Darien	Jan 27	Pkelly103@gmail.com
Junior Navigation	Darien	Jan 27	Pkelly103@gmail.com
Navigation	Stamford	TBD	gwlk@aol.com

Electives:

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Offered by</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Cruise Planning	Norwalk	Mar 22	nspseducation@optonline.net
Engine Maintenance	Norwalk	Feb 8	nspseducation@optonline.net
	Greenwich	Feb 2014	acummings15@optonline.net
Marine Electric Sys	Norwalk	Jan 4	nspseducation@optonline.net
	Stamford	Fall 2014	gwlk@aol.com
Sail	Stamford	Apr 2014	gwlk@aol.com
Weather	Darien	Jan 7	Pkelly103@gmail.com
	Greenwich	Feb 24	acummings15@optonline.net

You can also view this consortium calendar on our website at :

dsps.darien.org/Forms/consortium.pdf

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We finish 2013 with many great memories of the classes, seminars and events of DSPS. We taught classes in Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Sailing, Seamanship. We taught the Coastal Boating Competence courses and put 70+ new and safe boaters on the water. We held the Spring Refresher, Boat/Camp, a VHF seminar, a CPR/AED training class and a rendezvous to Cockenoe Island. We had numerous speakers in the off season from book authors to a professor from the Naval War College. We participated in the Darien Memorial Day parade and held our annual member meeting in March and a new member reception in June. I hope you joined us in making 2013 a memorable year and will make an effort to become part of the fun in 2014.

Below are some of my favorite DSPS pictures. Boat/Camp which has been organized by Frank & Judy Kemp for the past 17 years will be different in 2014. We lost a good friend and warm hearted person with the passing of Judy Kemp on August 31. She will be missed and always remembered.

So to all my friends at DSPS, have a very happy and safe boating season in 2014 and come join us in 2014. I want to see your picture here next year.

