



THE TRIDENT

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DSPS DISTRICT 2



Peter Kelly

Whew! The last 4 weeks have gone fast. The 2014 boating season is here. If you didn't attend one of our 3 seminars (Anchoring, VHF Radio, and Emergencies Afloat) you missed out on improving your safe boating skills in a relaxed, friendly format with Norwalk YC members and DSPS members.

Flare Up was held on Saturday May 3 at Weed Beach. Three (3) stations were set up. The Darien Fire Marshall demonstrated fire extinguisher use. DSPS supervised people shooting expired flares from the shoreline. Darien EMS-Post 53 taught "Hands for Life"(CPR chest compressions).

Frank Kemp was the key to the success with close to 150 participants.

Our Spring Refresher came off without a hitch. The weather cooperated last Saturday morning after the heavy rains rain on Friday night. This was our 3rd annual event and each time we have had perfect weather. Thank you to Ted Edwards, Hugh Balloch, Fred Elliott, Gerry Wedell and Sandy & Tom Norelli for being excellent boat captains. This is one of my favorite events to start the season.

Our last event of May is only a few days away. DSPS members and their families will walk in the Darien Memorial Day parade. As in many prior years, the Rowayton Bait shop will trailer a new Mako and pull our "boat float" down the Post Road. The "boat float" will be decorated with flags, banners and streamers. If your son or daughter would like to ride in the boat and wave to their friends in town, see the next page for details. DSPS will provide free entrance passes (\$5 value) to the Post 53 Food Fair at Tilley Pond will be given to the first 25 adults or children that participate.

We will have a tent set up at the Food Fair immediately following the parade. Come visit our tent where we will be promoting safety on the water and hopefully be sailing a few remote controlled sailboats on the pond.

Our objective for 2014 is not to do more, but to do things differently. For our seminar series, we involved the members of Norwalk YC. We added Darien EMS-Post 53 to our Flare Up and developed the Emergencies Afloat seminar session with them too.

We have been quietly promoting boat safety for over 60 years in Darien. We will continue to do this but will strive to be more visible and will partner with other safety related organizations in our area. We appreciate those that have recently renewed their membership. Your membership helps fund our initiatives and educate our local residents about the importance of safe boating. We thank you. If your membership has lapsed, **Come Join Us!** You will be hearing more from us soon.

Have a great start to the new boating season!



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Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 26, 9am. Meet at the Goodwives Shopping Center at 9am. Children and their friends are invited and will ride in the "boat float". An adult must accompany their child and friends. Adults will walk and the children will ride in the "boat float". The parade route is approx. 1.25 miles. We are Division 2. Look for the boat on a trailer at Goodwives. If you cannot be dropped off, park at the YWCA, Darien Historical Society, First Congregational Church, or the Mechanic Street lot behind the Darien Fire Station. Let's hope for good weather!

Membership- Many DSPS members have recently received their renewal notice via email and the mail from USPS. All members are on a 12 month anniversary billing date. Individual membership is \$95 and a family membership is \$115. You can pay by check or pay online with your certificate number, invoice number and credit card at usps.org/dues/ . If you have any questions, contact our membership coordinator Frank Kemp at fkemp@optonline.net
Your dues help us promote safe practices on the water. We invite you to participate in our activities and events. Please come and meet some DSPS members. For more information about our activities and events, see our website at dps.darien.org/ .Come Join Us!



Top row: Flare Up station at Weed Beach, Fire extinguisher practice, Flare Up volunteers,
Bottom row: Spring Refresher participants, Chatham Bound anchoring exercise,